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On the cover: "Re-born" Lambeau Field, aglow in its new and renovated configuration, is poetically complemented by three of the greatest performers in the Packers' distinguished history—Pro football Hall of Fame members Don Hutson (14) and Bart Starr (15)—flanking future Hall of Famer Brett Favre.

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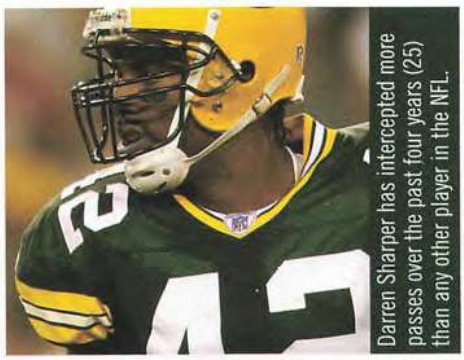
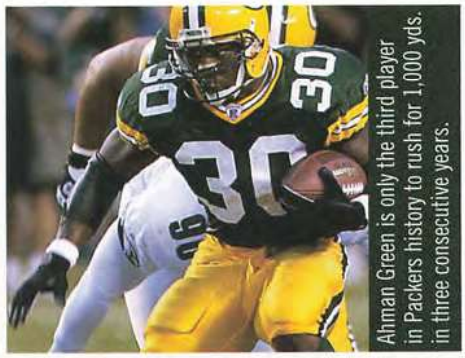
The Packers take pride in the fact that the Vince Lombardi trophy is presented annually to the winner of the "Big Dance."

Bob Harlan, the Packers' president and CEO, is pictured enjoying the view from the stands of renovated Lambeau Field, as the $295 million, three-year project he initiated neared stunning completion.



Darren Sharper has intercepted more passes over the past four years (25) than any other player in the NFL.



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'03 Packers "will hit the field running"

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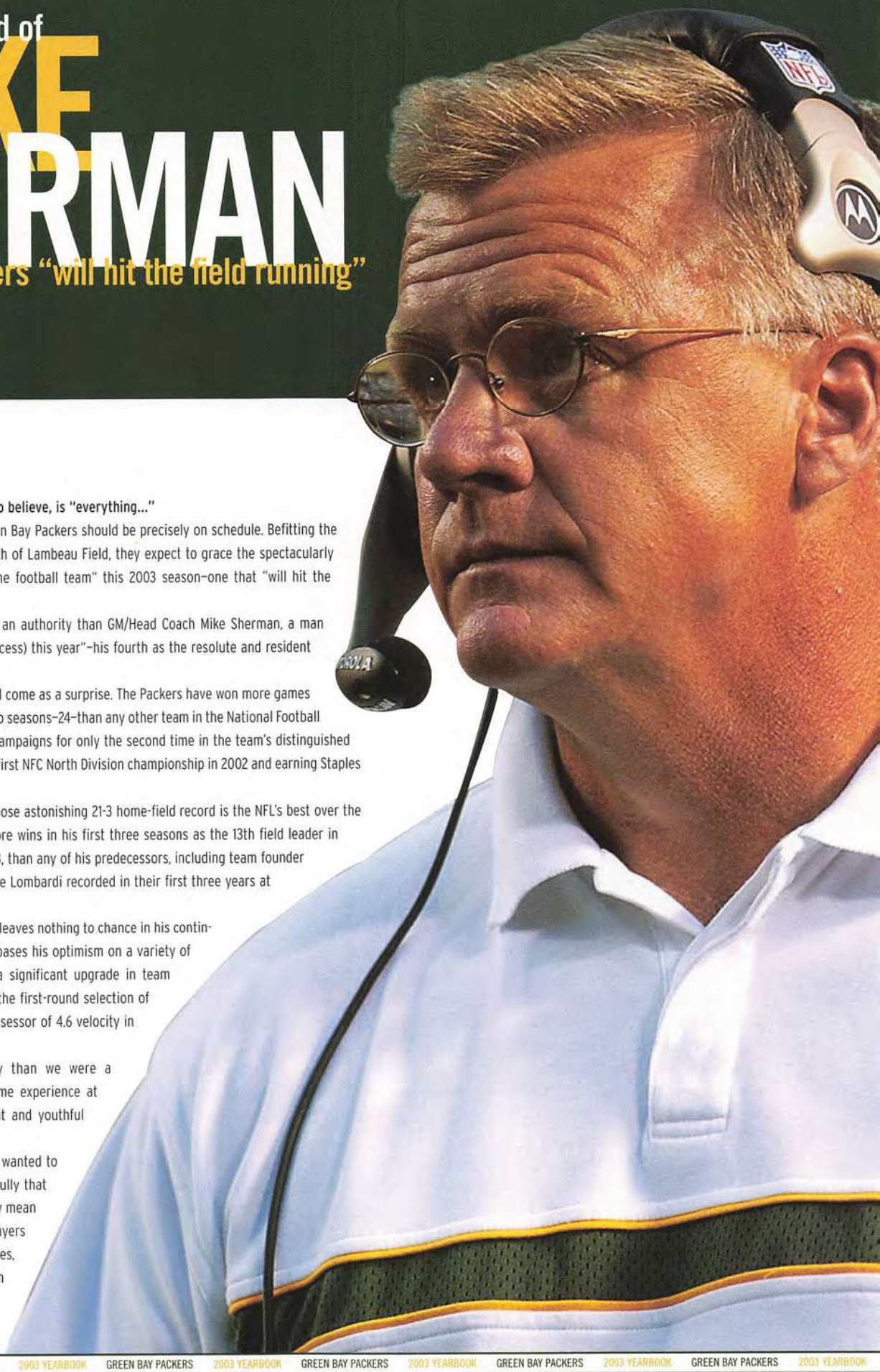
Editorial Director



Timing, we long have been led to believe, is "everything..."

If such be the case, the Green Bay Packers should be precisely on schedule. Befitting the historic and long-awaited rebirth of Lambeau Field, they expect to grace the spectacularly renovated structure with "a fine football team" this 2003 season–one that "will hit the field running."

You have the solemn word of no less an authority than GM/Head Coach Mike Sherman, a man convinced "we are closer (to ultimate success) this year"–his fourth as the resolute and resident leader of the Green and Gold.

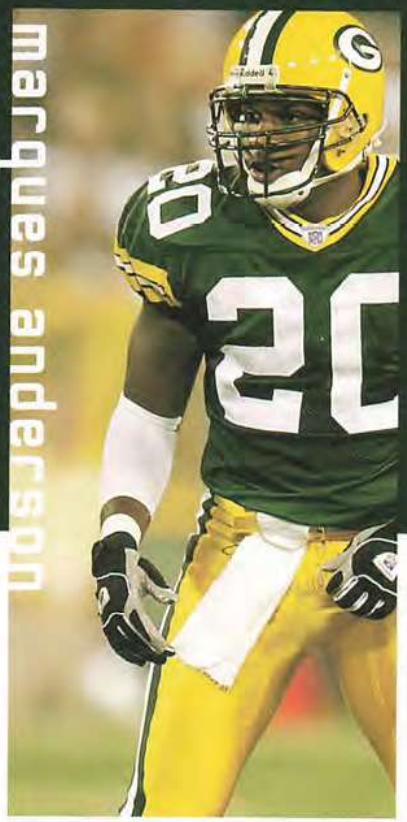
Not that the Sherman "promise" should come as a surprise. The Packers have won more games under his skillful direction over the last two seasons–24–than any other team in the National Football League, posting back-to-back, 12-victory campaigns for only the second time in the team's distinguished history–in addition to capturing the NFL's first NFC North Division championship in 2002 and earning Staples "Coach of the Year" honors.

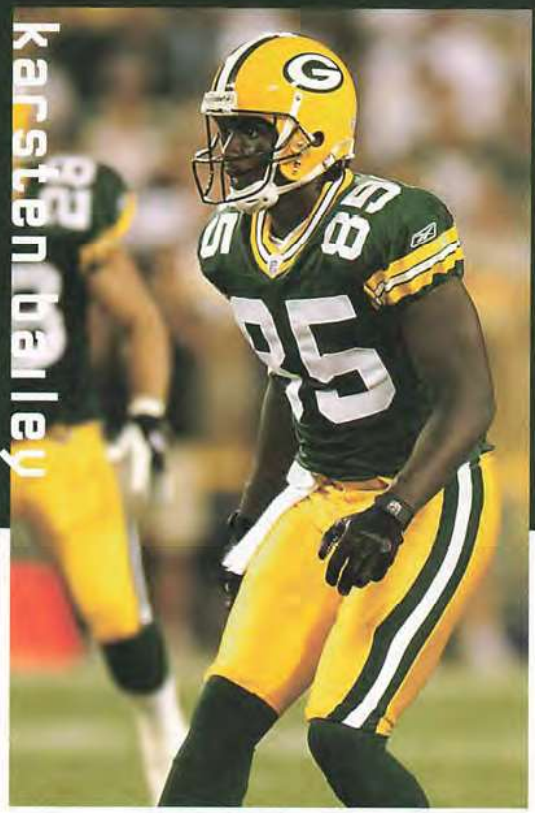
Further, the tireless New Englander, whose astonishing 21-3 home-field record is the NFL's best over the past three seasons, also has acquired more wins in his first three seasons as the 13th field leader in Green Bay annals, the imposing total of 33, than any of his predecessors, including team founder E. L. "Curly" Lambeau and the fabled Vince Lombardi recorded in their first three years at the team's controls.

Sherman, a certified perfectionist who leaves nothing to chance in his continuing pursuit of a trip to the Super Bowl, bases his optimism on a variety of factors, new and notable among them a significant upgrade in team speed, traceable in no small measure to the first-round selection of Oregon State linebacker Nick Barnett–possessor of 4.6 velocity in the forty–in this year's NFL draft.

"I think we're a faster team today than we were a year ago," he said, noting, "We lose some experience at some positions but we have some talent and youthful enthusiasm at those positions as well.

"We drafted with the premise that we wanted to become a faster football team and hopefully that will be the case. Faster doesn't necessarily mean better so we still have to coach these players and get them playing up to their abilities, and hopefully, their speed, athleticism and skill level will help make them–and us–better."





It also is, Sherman acknowledged, a younger team.

"We are a young football team–there's no question about that," he said. "But we have experience at some of the most critical positions on the football team. Our offensive line has good experience–they're not an old offensive line, they're pretty much in their prime, so I feel good about them.

"Our running backs are back intact and have the experience as well. Our receivers have a year under their belt as a collective group and hopefully will grow and be able to produce even more this season.

"Obviously, the quarterback position speaks for itself when you have experience like we have at that position," Sherman continued. "There's nobody with more experience, and more good experience than Brett Favre has had over the years."

On a related matter, Craig Nall's chances of becoming Favre's backup, Sherman said, "We'll have to see how training camp plays itself out. Doug Pederson has had two very good mini-camps, he's still very athletic, he has good feet, he makes good decisions. And Craig Nall, certainly coming off NFLEL (he emerged as the league's leading passer) did a nice job. So that will play itself out during the course of training camp. The likes of Eric Crouch and Akili Smith will certainly make this one of the most competitive preseasons we have had at the backup quarterback position in a long time."

Turning to the defense, Sherman admitted, "We're certainly younger on the other side of the ball, but we do have some talented veteran players with Darren Sharper and Mike McKenzie returning in our secondary as starters.

"And then, up front, we also have the experience of a Gilbert Brown, and an emerging Cletidus Hunt, who hopefully is coming into his own. Joe Johnson is coming off an injury, and I have high expectations of him. I see Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila as an even more dominating player this year than last. I fully expect that from him.

"I feel good that we have the key components for a successful football team. We have an excellent quarterback, quality receivers and a good rushing attack. We rushed the ball better last year than the Packers have in the last 17 years, so I'm excited about the opportunity to do better than that.

"On defense, with the addition of some of our draft picks, and with the returning players and a couple of free agents, I feel we will be good defensively. We have been exceptional in creating takeaways, making sacks and in third down efficiency. And I expect more of the same. We have to improve our run defense...and we will."

At the same time, Sherman acknowledges that assembling a competitive club in the NFL at this point in time is a vastly different process than it used to be.

"In this day and age in the National Football League, every team is a work in progress," he observed, alluding to the current modus operandi under the salary cap and free agency. "You try to improve your football team every single year while experiencing about 35 or 40 percent transition. That's the case for just about every team in the National Football League these days. The state of the league is that there's a lot of movement. What you have to do is hang on to the core players that you want to keep on your team while allowing the new players a chance to assimilate at a fast pace with your present team and put them in the best situation you can so they can contribute early."

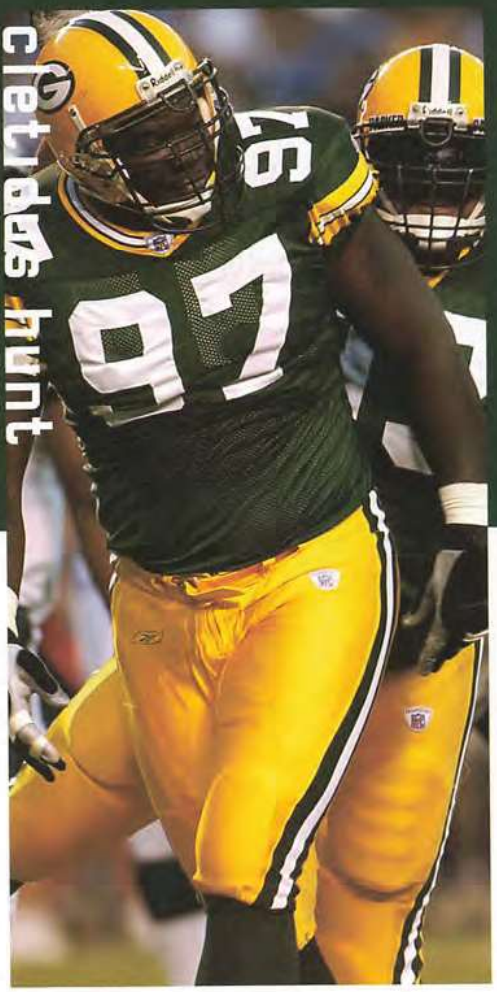
Another key element in the overall process, inevitably, is the injury factor, one that found Sherman having to make 71 changes in his starting lineup over the '02 season and losing three starters–offensive tackles Chad Clifton and Mark Tauscher and defensive end Joe Johnson–along the way.

Understandably seeking better physical fortune in the season ahead, he noted, "We definitely had our share of injuries in the course of last season. And, hopefully, we've paid our toll and we can have a season much like the '96 season when they only had 26 games missed by starters.

"As I've said in the past, injuries are as much a part of the game as blocking and tackling. It's how you handle injuries that really defines you...We will never make excuses for injuries because they are a part of the game. Our fans do not care about hearing about injuries, all they care about is winning."

Sherman, it was suggested, appeared to have four major personnel concerns coming into the new season:

(1) **The receiver corps,** in the wake of the Terry Glenn trade to Dallas, leaving the youthful Robert Ferguson and Javon Walker to join Donald Driver as the team's primary wideouts



(2) **The linebacker corps,** following the departure of veterans Hardy Nickerson and Nate Wayne;

(3) **The safety position,** where injuries hampered initial starter Antuan Edwards and rookie replacement Marques Anderson hit "the wall" in the last half of the season; and

(4) **The return game,** a disappointment in 2002.

Taking them one at a time, Sherman said, "They (Ferguson and Walker) are still two very young receivers. But they are very talented. And Karsten Bailey is competing in that group as well. They're young receivers but they have great size and strength and they seem to be faster this year even than last year. They're more decisive and I believe they're more cued into our quarterback, which is most critical.

"Donald Driver has done a fantastic job of leading that group, and he'll continue to do that, while the other two young pups (Ferguson and Walker) emerge and come into their own...But we still need others–Karsten Bailey being one–in that group to step forward."

Sherman continued, "The linebacking corps–I look at that position much like I looked at the receiver position a year ago. We wanted to do our best to upgrade and re-tool that position. And I think we have addressed that in free agency with the acquisition of Hannibal Navies, who's assuming the buck linebacker..., the strong linebacker position, moving (Na'il) Diggs into more of a playmaking position at the 'Will'; and then drafting in the first round, Nick Barnett, who I think will step in and be a viable candidate at some point to be our 'Mike' linebacker. I'm also very impressed with our backups as they have stepped forward in the mini-camps and have shown their abilities as well.

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"We are putting Diggs in a position where he has a chance to make more plays. He can be an excellent blitzer coming from that open side as opposed to the tight end side. Also, he's just a little bit closer to the quarterback. He has great range, and I think we will see that while he's playing the 'Will' linebacker position. He still has a lot to learn about that position, however.

"I think, collectively, it's going to be a fast group. You really don't know much until you start playing the games on how physical they are, and that's as much a part of it as is being fast. So we'll have to wait and see."

Touching upon the safety position, Sherman said, "If the mini-camps were any indication, it looks like we're headed in the right direction. Again, we have to be able to make it through preseason and be able to handle any injuries that may occur. The defensive backs are usually faced with the greatest attrition rate during the course of the season, so we have to be able to handle that part of it, but I'm very encouraged by the development of our safeties and the progress they have made in the offseason."

In visiting the return game, Sherman observed, "That in itself has been a work in progress now for two years. Ever since we lost Allen Rossum, we've done our very best to try to acquire the best return guys we could, but so far it hasn't worked out in our favor.

This part of our team is a point of concern for me and has been for the last year...and will continue to be until we find comfort with somebody back there. I do believe we have people back there that can catch the ball, make good decisions and hopefully make someone miss in the process. And get us the field position we so desperately lacked last year on the return game...whether it would be punt return or kick return.

"We would have liked to have kept Allen Rossum but it didn't work out that way. We've been very proactive trying to find a replacement for him...Hopefully, this season...this preseason in particular, will bear that out."

Returning to the secondary, might Al Harris, acquired in an offseason trade with Philadelphia, be an upgrade at cornerback?

"Tyrone Williams was an excellent cornerback for us–he didn't give up the big play and he did a good job of coverage and he was there every week.

"Al is a different type of player than Williams. He's a more on the line of scrimmage type of player. He uses his hands–he's a little more physical. Whether Al is better than Ty–that remains to be seen. Ty has started a lot of football games and Al hasn't, but I'm encouraged by what Al has brought to us so far. I think he's going to be a physical corner; he has great instincts on what breaks the receivers are going to make...But to compare Harris to Williams at this stage, it's too early because we haven't played any games yet."

Elsewhere on defense, might there be a concern, coming into the season, about Gilbert Brown's injury–diminished availability the past two years?

"Certainly when a player, particularly in the defensive line, turns 30 (Brown is 32), you have concerns at that position. His injuries have been worrisome for me. But he does give us a big body in there and I have a plan for how we're going to utilize his talents this season and, hopefully, it will be a plan that will keep him on the field–maybe more during the season but maybe less during the game."

Sherman acknowledged he has something of a luxury in one personnel area–the kicking game–where he is blessed with a high comfort level.

"Those guys (placekicker Ryan Longwell and punter Josh Bidwell) coming back this year certainly gives me some peace of mind with that part of our game as solid," he admitted, "although we will continue to impress on getting more yardage, whether it be a kickoff or a punt. And they've worked hard during this offseason to do just that–become stronger players."

From the coaching perspective, Sherman expressed satisfaction with three newcomers to his staff since the end of the 2002 season–Mark Duffner (linebackers), John Bonamego (special teams) and Joe Philbin (offensive line assistant).

"Mark Duffner (replacing Bo Pelini, who resigned to become defensive coordinator at the University of Nebraska) has brought a lot of energy and passion to his position," he said, "and I believe the linebackers have benefited so far from their association with him. Obviously, it's a long season and Mark has to continue to develop these linebackers. He did an excellent job of developing young linebackers at Cincinnati when he started four rookies at time. He won't be faced with that daunting task but he will be faced with young players and getting them ready to play, week in and week out, at a level that we expect them to play–a championship level.

"John Bonamego came aboard, obviously, with the retirement of Frank Novak, and he's done a fine job and seems to be developing a great relationship with the players. He will be very demanding on them while, at the same time, he's able to give out compliments when justified, and I think he'll do an excellent job.

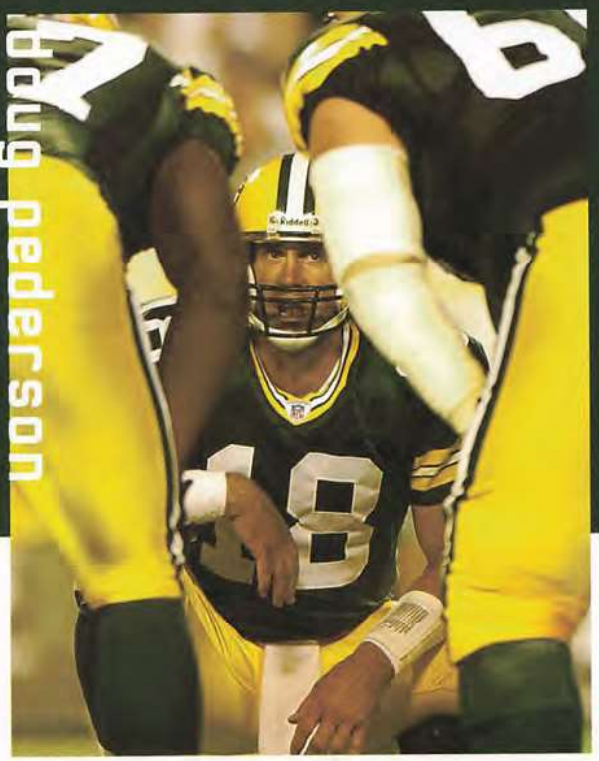
"One thing, in this day and age in the National Football League, every team is a work in progress"

"Joe Philbin is another coach that is on board with us with the offensive line (replacing Pat Ruel as Larry Beightol's assistant) and in this day and age in the National Football League, you need two line coaches. And Joe will spend the bulk of his time working with the younger guys, getting them ready to go. He is an excellent teacher.

Sherman, asked if he had detected any lingering effects from the 'down' finish to the '02 season–losses to the Jets in the regular season finale and to the Falcons in the Packers' subsequent playoff appearance, said, "They've pretty much put it behind them, as they should. You learn from your mistakes, but at the same time, you have to move forward, and there's another season to be played. And, as disappointing as last year was at the end–we did not have a disappointing season.

"We had a very disappointing postseason, with our lone loss at home against the Atlanta Falcons–and that was devastating to say the least...But, for the most part, we had a very good season. We tied for the league lead in the number of wins...we won seven in a row and won all our home games. We need to finish better and we didn't get that done last year; and hopefully we'll have another opportunity this year to do it."

"Every day I come to work, I drive down Lombardi Avenue and come into Lambeau Field knowing that many years ago, obviously, one of my predecessors was the best of all time at doing what I'm trying to do."



On another subject–whether he is finding the necessary time to address both of his demanding roles comfortably, Sherman promptly responded in the affirmative.

"I believe so," he said, adding, "When you're in a position that I'm in–a decision-making position–you have to surround yourself with quality people. And I feel like I have done that. I encourage my staff, whether it be personnel or coaching, not to be yes-men but to be men of ideas and to be problem-solvers, and they are. I am excited about this staff. The coaches are great teachers and the personnel staff are great evaluators. Both groups work hard and are committed to our goal to win a championship.

Sherman also assures that, from the personal perspective, he is finding no conflict in carrying out his dual responsibilities.

"Not at all," he asserted. "I have not had that problem...the conflict between the general manager and the coaching. They seem to go hand-in-hand in many ways, so I've not had a problem with that."

A fond father, Sherman did confess that–in trying to attend all of his children's athletic and school events–is "where the conflict sometimes comes in. My wife and kids are very, very important to me, as is my job here with the Green Bay Packers, so only in Green Bay, where the schools are a mile or two miles away...and there's very little traffic problems...then a head coach can be a father, a husband and head coach/general manager of the Packers."

Professionally, the 48-year-old Massachusetts native characteristically shies away from comparisons with Lambeau and Lombardi–comparisons based on his having recorded more coaching victories than the two legends over the same "beginning" time span.

"I really don't look at myself in comparison in any facet to those two men," he insisted., "Coach Curly Lambeau...started this organization and, without his determination and persistence, the Green Bay Packers would not be here today.

"What Coach Lombardi accomplished in the '60s will never be equaled again, I don't believe, in any sport. So the bottom line in Green Bay is winning championships, not just football games. We did win the NFC North but that's not the ultimate goal we had our sights set on, necessarily, although that's the first goal of our season. And we will continue to look at it that way."

Lombardi, he acknowledged from his personal perspective, is "an influence" today.

"Every day I come to work, I drive down Lombardi Avenue and come into Lambeau Field knowing that many years ago, obviously, one of my predecessors was the best of all time at doing what I'm trying to do," Sherman said. "And, because of what he's accomplished, he has set a standard for all of us in the Green Bay Packer organization to be the very best we can be all the time."

On the subject of winning, might these '03 Packers, potentially, be the best team he has had in his four years at Lambeau Field?

"Potential is such a dangerous word," Sherman replied, "because it's not reality. Potential is what could be, not what it is now. I think every season that we've taken the field we're getting better each season.

"I feel like we're closer this year. I feel like I have a very strong staff that's going to take the field this year and coach this team as hard as it possibly can to get them ready to play this season. I think the team is committed more so than ever–not that we haven't been in the past–to doing everything we can to make sure that we don't fail late the end of the season like we did last season. But, at the same time, realizing that winning 12 games in the National Football League is no small feat.

"I believe our players will hit the field running. We have a long preseason with a fifth preseason game which, with the youth we have, really will benefit us. We have a very arduous schedule. But we're excited about it...we're excited about the opportunity to go onto Lambeau Field in that first game.

"I do believe this...that when our fans–who are the best in all of football–get in their cars and come to Green Bay on Sunday morning after church...whether they come from La Crosse, Marinette, Kenosha, Stevens Point or wherever...when they come to Green Bay to see their beloved Packers play a football game...I want them to feel that their team has a good chance to win that football game....and when they are driving home, they are excited because they saw their team–the Green Bay Packers–win another game....And that's important to me! Very important!!

LAMBEAU FIELD
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Re-born... LAMBEAU FIELD

"it's ABSOLUTELY gorgeous!"

By Bud Lea
Packer Plus Columnist

The Green Bay Packers will open their 46th season at Lambeau Field September 7, against their arch-rival Minnesota Vikings. This will be the most spectacular opener at pro football's most famous address, and 72,000 will see for themselves that the hype surrounding the building is actually understated. This will be the grand opening of a $295 million renovation project that started in the spring of 2001. Never has there been a renewal undertaking like this one in the National Football League.

Vince Lombardi would never recognize the place. Neither would Curly Lambeau, Mike Holmgren–or anyone else who coached the Packers.

Not even Lambeau Field can be frozen in time. History and ghosts must live with state-of-the-art amenities and luxury suites and stores and restaurants open year round. In today's NFL, anything less just doesn't work.

The good citizens of Brown County could have built a brand new stadium for their beloved football team, although it would have cost $400 million dollars, some $105 million more than renovating Lambeau Field. It was more than saving money; it was saving the tradition.

"They wanted us to save the stadium," team president Bob Harlan said about the season ticket holder who had to pay a substantial user fee to retain rights to their seats. "They love this stadium, and they love the team. They begged us to save it, and we've been able to do that."

Some of us have been around long enough to remember when City Stadium, as it was known when it was dedicated in 1957, was a cozy 32,150-seat concrete bowl on the city's vacant west side. It was built at a total cost of $960,000 and required a city referendum that was overwhelmingly approved by Green Bay voters by the count of more than two to one.

They've always been improving the home of the Packers through the years. There have been seven prior seating expansions. They've added private boxes, club seats, more restrooms, improved sound systems, JumboTron color replay boards–to say nothing about the many changes they've made to their administration building and construction of their huge indoor practice facility, the Don Hutson Center.

But this is something entirely different. They have turned the state's most famous sports home into a sports mansion. The centerpiece is Titletown, an "entertainment district," combining a pro shop, Packers Hall of Fame, stadium club, restaurant and food court, all inside a five-story atrium.

Available facilities include The Lombardi Legends Club on the fourth level of the Atrium, a magnificent room that will rival any banquet facility in the city. It can be divided into four rooms, aptly named for Hall of Famers Bart Starr, Paul Hornung, Willie Davis and Johnny Blood–and used for weddings, meetings and banquets.

John Madden will be a happy man. The noted network broadcaster, who could never leave Green Bay without a visit to Chili John's, can get his chili fix right at the stadium. Along with Chili John's, the food court will feature Brett Favre's Two Minute Grill, Fratello's Presto and Meat Packing Co. And, yes, there are more restrooms–50% more for women and 25% more for men. Because of construction last year, port-a-potties were used in the north end of the stadium. Now, with two concourses completed, there will be plenty of relief stations.

They've increased the seating capacity to 72,200, which will make it the largest stadium in the NFC North. There are 164 private boxes and 3,000 indoor club seats and an additional 3,000 club seats outdoors.

While others building new stadiums in the NFL have been downsizing capacity, the Packers needed more seats. That's because of demand. There are more than 60,000 names on the team's waiting list to buy tickets.

There are new scoreboards. The new $7 million system with larger video display system systems than the old single scoreboard, has been installed on the north and south end zones. The new structures are twice as wide, measuring 41 feet high and 162 feet wide, providing a much clearer picture.

The Vikings, who complained about the use of dressing in five huge trailers during construction last year, will find the new visiting locker room much to their liking.

And topping it off will be statues of Lambeau and Lombardi placed in front of the

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Titletown plaza. The same artists who did the Michael Jordan statue at the United Center, the Harry Caray statue at Wrigley Field, and the Ironworkers statue at Miller Park have put their masterful touch on the Lambeau and Lombardi figures.

The entire project to transform an aging stadium into a jewel took three years to complete. Upwards of 4,000 people worked on the construction at one time or another. The most difficult aspect was preserving the existing bowl and building the new luxury boxes, widening the concourses, and making sure everything came together as planned.

"The best news I ever got was the day when we found out the bowl was sturdy enough that we could save it," Harlan said. "We had to test it very thoroughly."

With favorable winter weather conditions, construction moved safely and right on time. They demolished the old existing luxury boxes after a playoff game against the San Francisco 49ers on January 13, 2002 and replaced them with 198 new, larger boxes for a preseason game, August 28 against the Cleveland Browns.

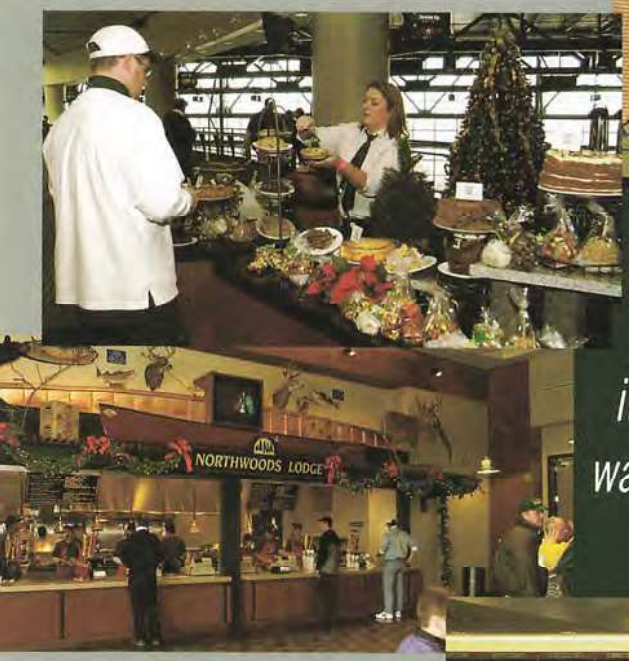
If the Milwaukee Brewers' three-year-old Miller Park, when its squeaky retractable roof is working smoothly and not leaking, is considered the eighth wonder of the world by Major League Baseball, the Packers have restored the most historic stadium in the NFL.

It's not Miller Park. It's better in some respects–more magnificent in an understated, football-only, open air, intimate, classic, cool sort of way.

When you walk into the stadium, it's still Lambeau Field, a concrete bowl with 56,000 seats pressed as close to the field as possible, with an additional 16,000 luxury box and club seats to boost the capacity to 72,200. Even those seats are close to the action.

Fans will continue to sit on aluminum, bleacher-type seats without backrests in the bowl. But few are complaining.

"You don't get cold watching the Packers in Lambeau Field because you're sitting close to the people next to you and everybody is so wrapped up in the game," Rick Sturtevant, a season-ticket holder from Milwaukee, said. "We all stay warm because we're huddled together–all cheering for the same thing.



"When I go to Lambeau, suddenly its 1967 again and I'm watching a championship game."

The men and women who worked on the project took great pride in what they were doing. Frequently, both Harlan and coach/general manager Mike Sherman would come out and talk to them, telling them that they should share in the pride and tradition of renovating Lambeau Field.

Stuart Zadra, project director with Hammes Co., the firm overseeing the stadium renovation, recalled walking through Detroit's Metro airport and bumping into a man who said he knew him. It turned out the guy had worked on the Lambeau Field project and was returning from Phoenix where he had also worked on the new arena for the hockey team.

"He told me it just wasn't the same," Zadra said. "He said he just loved working on Lambeau Field."

"I'm so glad they didn't put a dome on the stadium. It would never be the same with a roof. When I go to Lambeau, suddenly it's 1967 again and I'm watching a championship game. I don't like watching baseball when the Brewers close the roof at Miller Park."

The Packers, of course, have something the Brewers don't have. Tradition. Eighty-four years of tradition.

Green Bay is Green Bay. They can renovate. They can build a Titletown atrium at Lambeau. They can play games at Lambeau even though the place was under construction for three years.

Green Bay should be proud. It's a working class town. It's a town of tradition. It's a town of champions. Titletown.

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Harlan sold LAMBEAU RENOVATION door to door

By Bud Lea
Packer Plus Columnist

The time is Sept. 9, 2000, it's 7 o'clock in the morning, the place is a restaurant in Green Bay, and the man is on a crusade.

This is a pleasant man with an infectious smile and a firm handshake. "Pardon me," he says, approaching a group of people eating breakfast. "My name is Bob Harlan and I will deeply appreciate if you will support us in Tuesday's referendum vote."

In the world of the Green Bay Packers, that request by the president of the team has to rank in historical importance to the day Curly Lambeau asked the Indian Packing Company for uniforms and equipment for his newly-formed football team in 1919.

Normally, Bob Harlan would be traveling with the team to Buffalo for its next game against the Bills. Instead, he and several members of the Packers' front office staff stayed home and worked the town like politicians, moving from restaurant to restaurant, to Wal-Marts and Sams, and driving over to DePere where they went door-to-door.

"I wanted to keep the tradition, the history, the allure of what Lambeau Field is all about."

The Packers had won approval by the state legislature, the Brown County Board and the Green Bay City Council for its elaborate plan to renovate Lambeau Field to the tune of $295 million dollars. Now it was up to the voters of Brown County to make a tough decision.

Although the state fiscal bureau had estimated the massive Lambeau Field project would cost Brown County citizens 13 cents a day or $46 dollars a year, many of them didn't believe it. They were outraged. Some thought their taxes would increase as much as $5,000 a year.

"Going into a restaurant and approaching people, I could tell when I was 15 feet from their table whether they liked me or hated me," Harlan said, recalling his 11th hour push to get his message out. "They were either glad to see me, saying, 'Hey, Bob, you're going to get our vote,' or they'd say, 'leave us alone, we're eating." Harlan just reeked common sense. His vision was 20/20. It wasn't because the Packers had changed, it was because the NFL had. When NFL teams began moving into new

DOOR TO DOOR...

stadiums in the 1990s, everything just took off. The Packers began sinking in a high sea of money-grubbing madness.

Every time another team moved into a new stadium, it jumped ahead of the Packers in revenue. Stadium revenue is what separates the haves from the have-nots in the NFL. The league's 32 teams split the money evenly from network TV and ticket sales, but not the money from luxury boxes and year-round stadium usage.

Harlan was scared to death when voters turned out on September 12. An early poll showed the citizens of Brown County were evenly divided on voting for or against the stadium referendum in the NFL's smallest market.

Then came election day. The referendum barely passed with 53% of the voters showing their support for the renovation of Lambeau Field.

Bob Harlan now would change the face of Lambeau Field. He might have saved the franchise. He created a new dynamism at a time the Packers Corporation needed it the most.

At first many thought renovating an old stadium wasn't right. Why pour tons of money into an aging stadium when, for a a few million dollars more, you could build a brand new stadium, put backs on the seats, and provide plenty of parking.

Was Lambeau Field worth saving? Well, is Yankee Stadium? Fenway Park? Wrigley Field?

If they had decided to build a new stadium at a new location, what would they have done with Lambeau? Rope it off and take tours through it and point out and say, "Here's where Bart Starr scored the winning touchdown against the Dallas Cowboys in the Ice Bowl; there's the visiting bench where Mike Ditka blew a gasket after instant replay officials ruled Don Majkowski had not stepped over the line of scrimmage after firing the winning touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe to beat the Chicago Bears, 14-13, in 1989. There are the Lambeau Leaps, where Green Bay's touchdown heroes jump into the stands."

"I wanted to keep the tradition, the history, the allure of what Lambeau Field is all about," Harlan said. "There are four stadiums like this in the country: Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, Wrigley Field and Lambeau Field. That's it.

"Almost every place in the NFL where history has been made has been torn down and replaced with a new stadium. And yet we tell our players who come here this is where Lombardi teams practiced and played. This is where Holmgren's Super Bowl teams practiced and played. This is our history."

Harlan began looking at the new stadiums sprouting up all over the country. He took tours of Camden Yards in Baltimore, the The Ballpark in Arlington, Texas, Miller Park in Milwaukee, and Coors Field in Denver. Camden Yards, with its red bricks and green rod-iron gates, was his favorite, and then he met with architects to see if Lambeau could get the same treatment.

It could. That gaudy-green colored, corrugated-steel facing that surrounded the exterior of Lambeau Field was replaced by red brick, concrete, glass and green rod-iron gates. The change added rich character to a stadium that is full of feelings.

Harlan got a call this spring from a man who had given him grief for eight months during the referendum debate. He kept insisting the Packers were making a huge mistake trying to save Lambeau Field.

"He called me and said he was wrong," Harlan said. "He said Lambeau Field is absolutely gorgeous."

The stadium renovation project consumed the 66-year-old president of the Packers. Every night before heading home he would get into his car and drive around the entire site. "It was almost like I was raising my baby and seeing if she's doing alright," he said.

It's been an audacious undertaking by Harlan and the Packers. If they can give Lambeau Field not only a face lift but a sparkling new look and give Green Bay 46 more years like the 46 this historic stadium has already given them, they will have won whatever Heisman they give for modernizing and holding onto a priceless heritage.

The home of the NFL's most successful franchise lives on. Bob Harlan, take a bow.

By Tom Andrews
Packer Report

Coming home:

PACKERS HALL OF FAME

moves to Lambeau

Starr takes the snap. He's got the quarterback sneak and he's in for the touchdown!

He made it! He made it! He made it!

Favre's on the run... down the sidelines... TOUCHDOWN!

It hits you from the very moment you enter the Lambeau Field Atrium and proceed down the stairwell. A dazzling swirl of lights, sights and sounds guides you to the ultimate Packer sanctuary. Unforgettable photo images like Lambeau, Lombardi, Holmgren, Hutson, Starr and Favre meld with the broadcast voices of years gone by— from Russ Winnie, Ray Scott and Ted Moore to Jim Irwin and Wayne Larrivee.

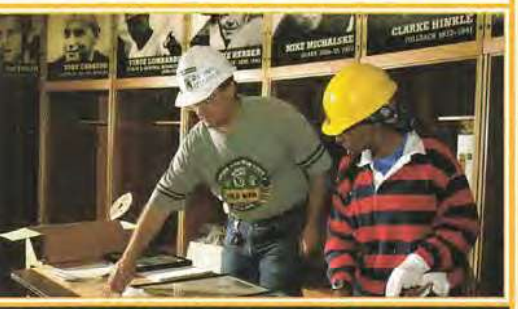
"We wanted the experience to start as soon as you walk in," explained Mark Schiefelbein, the Packers' Director of Administrative Affairs. "Welcome to the new Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame."

"You walk through the entrance and into the Introductory Theatre," says Steve Klegon, the Packers' director of atrium business development, "which features a 12-minute video that gets you really hyped up for the rest of the experience. The doors open at the Introductory Theatre, you walk in and there is bench seating throughout. People sit down and at the front of the room there is a large screen video with surround sound."

"NFL Films produced the all-new introductory video, as well as 10 other videos playing throughout the Hall of Fame."

Within the sprawling 18,000 square feet of exhibit space in the atrium's lower level, fans will recognize many of the artifacts and photos from displays at the old Packer Hall of Fame. But there will be one major difference: just as the Packers mirror the birth and growth of the NFL itself, the new Packers Hall of Fame offers a chronological experience from the birth of the franchise to the present day. "Once you walk out of the Introductory Theatre, you walk along a timeline which goes from the furthest in the past to the most recent as you go through the Hall of Fame, ending with the experience of the Hall of Fame itself," said Matt Morris, Project Manager with Hammes Company Sports & Entertainment, LLC of Madison.

As visitors walk along the historical timeline, huge "fins" jut out from major displays. One fin, for example, features a large graphic entitled, "1919, The First Team." An adjoining display case contains artifacts of that era–a football, shoes, helmets, and a gallery of key photos. Throughout the timeline, the fins and their adjoining display cases reveal the people and events that shaped Packer history–from the 1919 creation of the team by co-founders Curly Lambeau and George Calhoun to the resurrection of the franchise by Vince Lombardi in the 1960s and then again by Ron Wolf and Mike Holmgren in the 1990s. The museum also recognizes many of the great players who didn't get to play in these glorious eras.



Dennis Ullrich and Mykel Pierson of Design Craftsmen select memorabilia for placement in "new" Hall of Fame's "Locker Room" area (above).

Appropriately, Locker One is devoted to Team Founder Curly Lambeau.

Fans try out the new Hall of Fame theater.

The relationship between the Packers and their fans is celebrated in an area called "Fans and the Community." The tradition of players riding children's bikes to practice is one focal point. This area also includes the "Titletown's Finest" display with unique artifacts from Packer fans themselves. Bob Harlan has always said this is the most unique ownership and team relationship in professional sports", said Schiefelbein. "The fans have played a vital role in the team's success and survival since 1919. We thought it only natural that we have a display dedicated to them. It's a display case of everything from pictures of family outings, unique things that only the fans can provide."

Wandering off the timeline path affords the visitor many other new delights, including:

- Vince Lombardi exhibit containing a replication of his old office with papers, written speeches, family artifacts, photos, scrapbooks and other items of interest.
- Ice Bowl Diorama featuring full size, white cast figures just before Bart Starr's famous quarterback sneak in the 1967 NFL Championship Game. Hear Starr call the signals and see a presentation on the importance of weather through the years at Lambeau Field.
- Lambeau Leap exhibit gives fans a life size photo opportunity to take their own leap into the stands.
- Kids Interactive Opportunities including the Field Goal Challenge that lets you kick a field goal, the Cheese Climb, a speed toss football throwing contest and a blocking dummy obstacle course through which kids (and kids at heart!) can run and time themselves.
- Packer Legends Locker Room features lockers of the 20 Packers who are also enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.
- Training and Equipment Room exhibit allows visitors to see what the current equipment is all about. "For kids, that's a really neat thing for them to look at the shoulder pads and realize that this is what the Packers actually wear, how they tape their ankles, etc.," Schiefelbein added.
- Touchdown Theater features a plasma screen showing the greatest touchdowns in Packer history.
- Today's Packers display focuses on the '90s to today, including video highlights.

Thanks to help from the Green Bay school district, the new Hall also offers an educational component geared to youngsters. "It's like a fourth grade curriculum," said Schiefelbein. "The whole goal is not to just be entertained but to also have future generations learn more and more about the Packers. A lot of kids today know all about Brett Favre but how much do they know about guys like Bart Starr and Curly Lambeau? It's educating them on all of that plus some other parts that you'd learn in school whether it's throwing motion, physical fitness, nutrition and (the fact that) players also sit in the classroom like students do."

Schiefelbein cited President Mike Gage, archivist Tom Murphy and the entire Packers Hall of Fame Board as being extremely helpful in pulling the project together. Murphy oversaw the display packing and labeling process during the move from the old building to the new location. Working off a matrix designed by Jack Rouse & Associates of Cincinnati, Murphy said, "We've been packing all of our boxes so that whey they're opened over there, they will literally have the entire display in two or three boxes. The new museum is terrific and goes beyond what we've had in the past." A 1929 team photo autographed by the entire team and a team-signed copy of Arch Ward's famous 1946 book, "The Packers," are among the many never-before-displayed items that will finally be exhibited.

The Hall of Fame Plaque Room offers the exclamation point to the whole experience of this stunning museum. The images and exploits of 130 all-time Packer greats grace the walls of this large, circular display. Nitschke. Hinkle. Hornung and Taylor. Blood. Brockington. "This is really the heart of the Hall of Fame," said Schiefelbein. "This is the part that we want to grab that Packer fan so when they walk out of here, it's like walking out of that movie, where you say, 'Wow'! This is really what it's all about, all the greats that have ever played here, worked here, been associated with the team–they're here."

The new Packers Hall of Fame offers something for everybody–from children to the hardcore football fan. Most of all, it elevates the proud tradition of this franchise to a whole new and exciting level.

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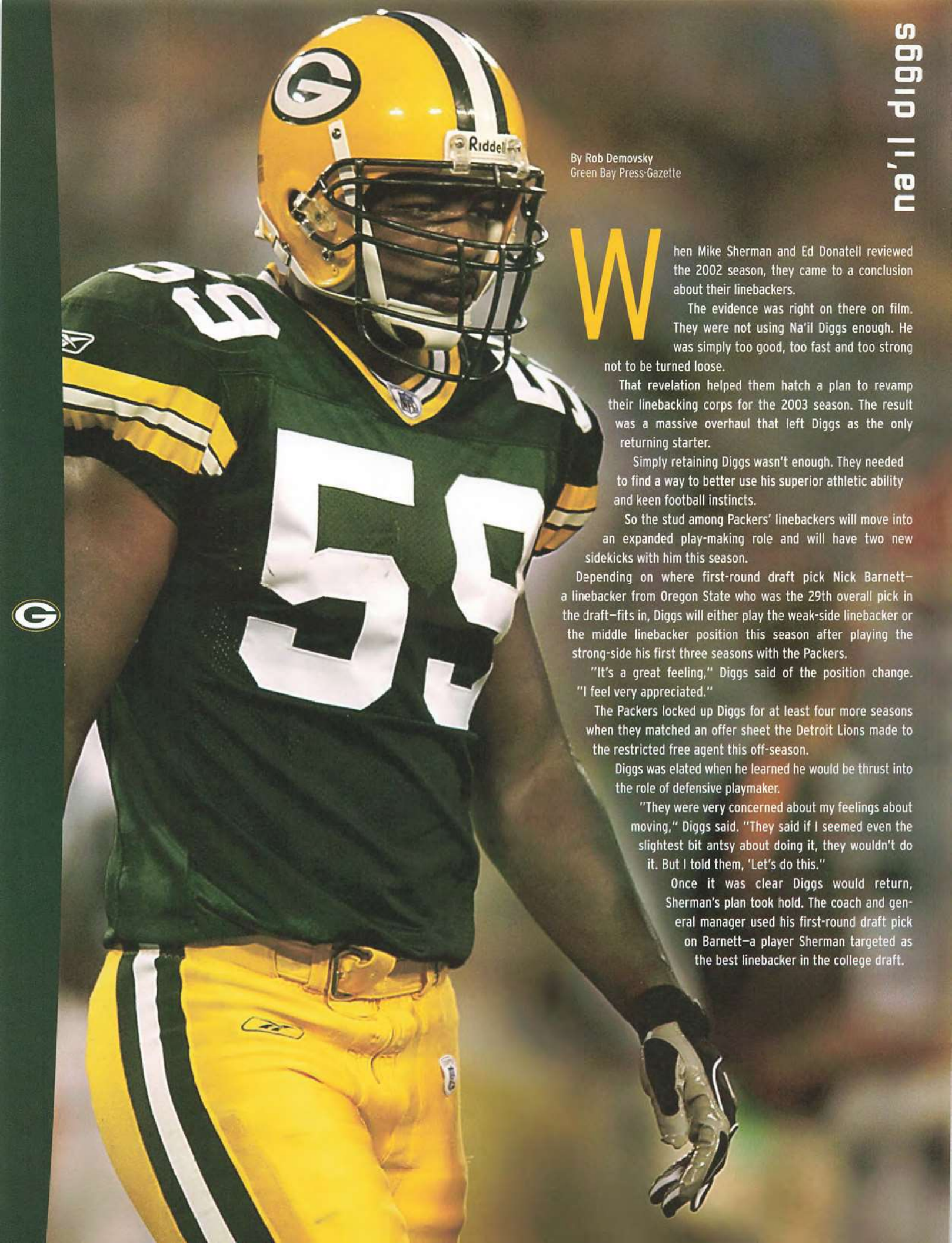


By Rob Demovsky
Green Bay Press-Gazette

When Mike Sherman and Ed Donatell reviewed the 2002 season, they came to a conclusion about their linebackers.

The evidence was right on there on film. They were not using Na'il Diggs enough. He was simply too good, too fast and too strong not to be turned loose.

That revelation helped them hatch a plan to revamp their linebacking corps for the 2003 season. The result was a massive overhaul that left Diggs as the only returning starter.

Simply retaining Diggs wasn't enough. They needed to find a way to better use his superior athletic ability and keen football instincts.

So the stud among Packers' linebackers will move into an expanded play-making role and will have two new sidekicks with him this season.

Depending on where first-round draft pick Nick Barnett—a linebacker from Oregon State who was the 29th overall pick in the draft—fits in, Diggs will either play the weak-side linebacker or the middle linebacker position this season after playing the strong-side his first three seasons with the Packers.

"It's a great feeling," Diggs said of the position change. "I feel very appreciated."

The Packers locked up Diggs for at least four more seasons when they matched an offer sheet the Detroit Lions made to the restricted free agent this off-season.

Diggs was elated when he learned he would be thrust into the role of defensive playmaker.

"They were very concerned about my feelings about moving," Diggs said. "They said if I seemed even the slightest bit antsy about doing it, they wouldn't do it. But I told them, 'Let's do this.'"

Once it was clear Diggs would return, Sherman's plan took hold. The coach and general manager used his first-round draft pick on Barnett—a player Sherman targeted as the best linebacker in the college draft.

The new look

AT LINEBACKER

THE CHANGES AT LINEBACKER RESULTED IN A YOUNGER, FASTER UNIT THAT RESEMBLES SOME OF THE TOP DEFENSES IN THE NFL.

Diggs, Barnett, Navies, Duffner

The Packers plan to start Barnett, a former strong safety, at middle linebacker but could move him to the weak-side if they determine he is better suited for that spot. Either way, free-agent pickup Hannibal Navies, formerly of the Carolina Panthers, will be the new strong-side linebacker.

There is also a new man in charge of this group of linebackers. Mark Duffner, a long-time friend of Sherman's, replaces Bo Pelini, who left to become defensive coordinator at the University of Nebraska. Duffner took over after spending the previous four seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals. He previously worked with Sherman at Holy Cross in the 1980s, and the two have remained close ever since.

"Mark Duffner has a tireless work ethic, a passion for the game and internal desire to coach here in Green Bay," Sherman said. "I have complete confidence he will impact not only linebackers but our defense and team as well."

With Duffner's teaching ability and Donatell's new defensive designs, the linebackers should benefit.

Donatell plans to include more blitzes for Diggs, who began his college career as a pass rusher at Ohio State.

"I think he's an excellent blitzer," Sherman said. "I'm excited about what he brings to the (weak-side) backer."

With Barnett and Diggs both strong in pass coverage, the Packers may play more nickel defense (two linebackers and five defensive backs) on obvious passing downs.

"The scheme will adapt to their style of play," Duffner said. "We want to build around the strengths of these players."

Sherman and Donatell became convinced that with the way the NFL is today with teams running multi-faceted offenses, it is more important that ever to have speed rather than size at all three linebacker positions.

The changes at linebacker resulted in a younger, faster unit that resembles some of the top defenses in the NFL.

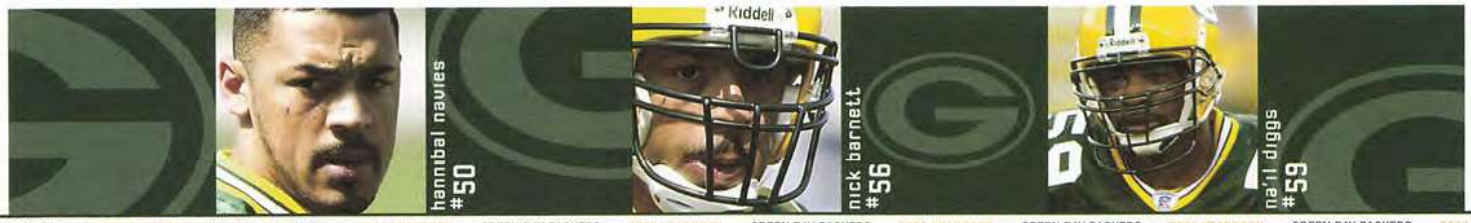
"The adage speed kills is applicable to defensive football today," Duffner said. "You want linebackers that have the ability on passing downs and even on run downs to have the range to spy or mirror the quarterback."

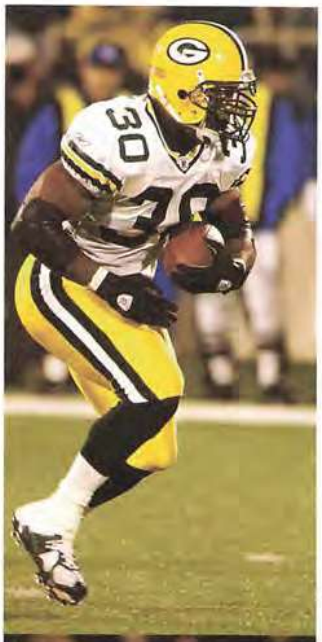
Barnett played middle linebacker only occasionally at Oregon State, but his remarkable strength–he benched 225 pounds 32 times at the NFL Scouting Combine (tops among linebackers)–suggests he's strong enough to do it.

When asked if Barnett can play middle linebacker, Donatell didn't hesitate when he proclaimed: "Absolutely."

There is also the chance that Torrance Marshall could figure into the mix. The third-year pro who has played mostly on special teams early in his career has been moved to the strong-side position after playing behind the starting middle linebacker his first two seasons.

The Packers also return backup linebackers Paris Lenon and Marcus Wilkins. Lenon plays primarily middle linebacker, while Wilkins is a pass-rush specialist who plays the weak-side position.





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Ahman GREEN POISED

to scale another Packer plateau

By Tim Froberg
Green Bay News-Chronicle

The Green Bay Packers didn't send the Bat signal flashing through the Seattle skies when they traded for Ahman Green.

It was the eve of the 2000 draft and the Packers didn't know they had just acquired the world's biggest Batman fan...and more importantly, a true franchise running back.

Batman is best known for fighting crime, but chances are the Caped Crusader would overlook Green Bay's act of grand larceny that night in landing Green for cornerback Fred Vinson, who blew out a knee and never played a regular-season down for Seattle.

Green, whom the Packers originally envisioned as a kick returner and backup to Dorsey Levens, never found a home on special teams, but evolved into a special player–so special that he has a chance to re-write the Packers' record book and become the most productive back in the history of the storied franchise.

The 26-year-old Green has rushed for three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons in Green Bay and if he hits quadruple digits this year, he will join Jim Taylor (1960-64) as only the second player in franchise history to run for 1,000 yards in as many as four seasons. Having churned out 3,802 rushing yards in Green Bay, Green is currently seventh on Green Bay's all-time rushing list, but enters the season needing only 396 yards to leapfrog past the likes of Gerry Ellis (3,826), Clarke Hinkle (3,860), Levens (3,937) and Tony Canadeo (4,197) and climb into second place. And considering his youth, Green stands a legitimate chance to break Taylor's all-time franchise rushing record of 8,207 yards. Green also has the second-most 100-yard rushing games (14) in Green Bay behind Taylor's 26.

"I feel privileged to be among the great names that once ran the ball in Green Bay," said Green. "I'm very proud of that. I'm just looking to make a positive contribution here. Any records, anything individual, I won't look at until I get done playing. When you focus on a record, it really makes it hard to get, and I'm a team guy, anyways."

Not too shabby for a third-round draft pick who didn't start a game his first two seasons in the NFL and was so anonymous that Packers running backs coach Sylvester Croom–then coaching in Detroit–didn't have a clue who Green was the first time he ran up against him.

"To be honest, I knew nothing about him," said Croom. "The first time I noticed him was when we played the Packers and Dorsey (Levens) went out. All of a sudden, No. 30 busts one and I'm like, 'Who the heck is this guy'? But I quickly found out. I'm fortunate I got the chance to coach him because he is a joy to coach."

And a terror to defend. Not only does the 217-pound Green have a quick burst and breakaway speed, but he is a tough, hard-nosed runner with a zest for contact and the raw power to bust tackles.

"He's a physical back and when you have someone with speed like that and the mentality of an offensive lineman, that makes for something special," said Croom. "When he makes a physical run, you can see the entire team rallying around it. This guy has the whole package–size, speed, strength–and he takes a great deal of pride in everything he does. But when he does make a mistake, he'll own up to it."

Of Green's gaudy statistics, the one that might be the most impressive is his career per-carry average of 4.5. But he has evolved into more than just a runner. Once criticized for his receiving skills, Green has averaged 63 receptions along with 11 touchdowns since becoming a Packer and he has also developed into reliable pass blocker.

Last season, Green became the first Packer back since John Brockington (1971-73) to be voted to the Pro Bowl in consecutive seasons. He rushed for 1,240 yards, produced 1,633 multi-purpose yards and scored nine touchdowns despite being slowed by kneecap and quadriceps injuries which forced him to miss 2½ games and part of the team's playoff game against Atlanta. Green tried to play through the injuries, but there was little doubt that he lacked his normal explosiveness.

"Ahman had a good year yardage-wise, but he still wasn't as good as he can be and it was because he was dinged," said

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AHMAN GREEN...

offensive coordinator Tom Rossley. "With his running style you have to give him a break because he runs over people. What really hurt us was when (backup running back) Najeh Davenport got hurt this year, we like to run the ball 28-30 times a game. Maybe Ahman gets 20 of those carries, and Najeh gets six or eight."

Croom added: "There's no question the injuries affected him. He just didn't have the explosiveness to burst through holes and finish runs like he normally does. A lot of guys wouldn't have played with the injuries that he had."

Then again, there aren't many backs like Green...and not many who prepare like him. Croom calls Green's work ethic "impeccable" and Green mentally prepares for each game by popping in a videotape of "Pure Payton"–a highlight film of his childhood hero, former Chicago Bears' great Walter Payton.

"I've done it for three years and I'll keep doing it until I'm done playing," said Green. "I study what Walter did. How he got up field, how he picked up the blitz, how he caught the ball. And if I can put it in my game, I do it. I study tapes of other backs, too, and of myself. I do whatever I can to get better."

Green Bay has been a good fit for Green, a self-described laid-back individual who compares Wisconsin to his native Nebraska. Green was born in Omaha, but spent part of what he calls "a happy childhood" in the Crenshaw area of Los Angeles where his step-father, Edward Scott, worked as an electronics technician and his mother, Glenda Scott, was employed as a secretary. Green eventually moved back to Omaha for his high school years where he was Nebraska's state "player of year" before arriving at the University of Nebraska where he became the school's second all-time leading rusher (3,380 yards) and scorer (42 touchdowns) in three seasons before turning pro following his junior year.

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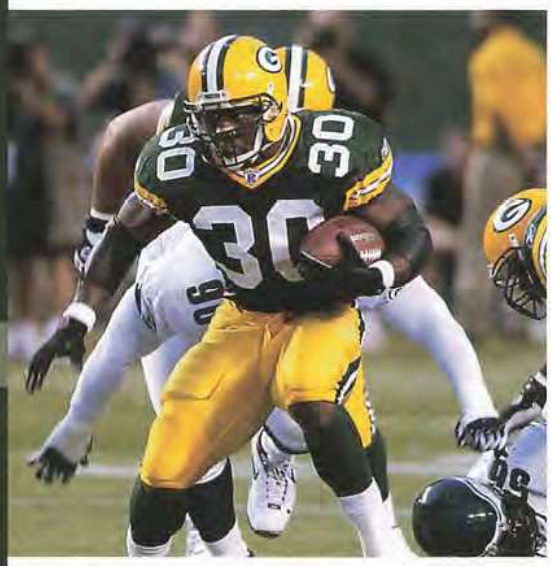

"The only difference between Lincoln and Green Bay is the colors of the team," Green said. "They are scarlet and cream, and we're green and gold. The fanfare is pretty much the same. This has been a great place for me."

Green's nickname is "Batman"–no surprise considering that he has an extensive collection of Batman comic books, and can frequently be seen wearing Batman shirts and necklaces. He even has a tattoo of the Caped Crusader on his body. Two years ago, in appreciation for the work his blockers did in helping him string together back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, Green presented them rings with their names and numbers engraved along with the Batman emblem on top.

Green's fascination with Batman dates backs to his childhood. After seeing the first of the Batman series of movies at the age of 12, Ahman made a quick trip to the barber shop and had the Batman symbol shaved into the back of his head.

"Even before that, I used to watch videotapes of the old Batman TV series," said Green. "It was kind of funny because Adam West really was kind of out of shape. He wasn't cut too well. But I always really liked the Batman character because when you look at him, he's an ordinary man. He doesn't come from the planet Krypton. He didn't get struck by lightning. He didn't get in a chemical spill. He didn't get bit by a spider. He became what he is through hard work."

"That's the way I look at myself. I don't have any special powers. When I'm on the field, my hard work and dedication pays off for me and my teammates. We're all Batman, basically, because we get things done through guts and hard work."

Green's game-breaking speed has often left fatigued defenders breathless, and that's something he can relate to. Remarkably, he has flourished at perhaps the most physically taxing position in football, despite having been diagnosed with asthma 10 years ago. He says he has grown accustomed to playing with the respiratory problem and claims that the cold Midwestern climate doesn't bother it.

"Actually, playing in hot weather makes it a lot worse," said Green "You get used to it. Before I found out I had it, I always thought I was just out of shape, so I kept working harder and pushing myself. So it was like my own body was fighting itself. I was always wondering why I was so tired and why it was so hard to breathe."

Despite the wealth and stardom he has achieved in the NFL, Green hasn't lost track of who he really is. Last May, he made good on a 1998 promise to his parents to obtain his bachelor's degree from Nebraska. Green was initially 73 credits short of his degree when he left Nebraska, but took correspondence classes in Seattle and classes the past two years at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to eventually gain his diploma in geography.

Green, who has established his own foundation which benefits the Boys and Girls Clubs in both Green Bay and Omaha, enjoys working with kids. And when his playing days are over, he may continue working with them in the classroom as a teacher.

"Unless something else comes along, I'll probably be a geography teacher at the junior high level when I'm done playing," said Green, the father of two young girls, Ahmani (6) and Myahni (1 ½). "I just like doing it. I like working with kids. It's easy to put a smile on a kid's face, and it's fun watching them learn."

The future geography teacher didn't put Green Bay on the map, but he's making the type of contributions that will keep the franchise on it.

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Longwell chasing...

HALLOWED HUTSON

the legend of Packers lore

By Tom Oates
Wisconsin State Journal

When Whistling Straits golf course kicked off a year-long buildup to the PGA Championship it will host in 2004, Packers kicker Ryan Longwell was among the celebrities asked to play in the 18-hole event. Officials at the Sheboygan-area course didn't exactly cater to the invited guests, however. Instead of an easy track, they were given a sneak preview of the snarling monster the pros will face in the PGA next summer. We're talking championship tees, Sunday pin placements, the whole 7,600 yards.

Still, Longwell shot a 78. That score won't make the cut at the PGA, of course, but rounds like that confirm Longwell's notion that he might give the Celebrity Tour a shot when he's through kicking footballs. And if Longwell eventually does make a second career out of golf, he'll likely be chasing former Packers specialists Al Del Greco, Jan Stenerud and Craig Hentrich around the course.

In the immediate future, however, he'll be chasing a much greater figure in Packers lore. With one typical Ryan Longwell season, the seventh-year kicker will pass the legendary Don Hutson as the all-time leading scorer in team history.

Longwell needs 99 points to tie Hutson's mark of 823, which stood as the NFL scoring record from 1941 to 1961, when it was surpassed by the Eagles' Bobby Walston and the Browns' Lou Groza. Since the ultra-consistent Longwell has never scored fewer than 100 points in a season, his quest for the team record would appear to be just a matter of time.

A keen student of Packers history, Longwell has been thinking about the record since 2001, when he eschewed free agency and signed a five-year contract to remain in Green Bay.

"I'd be lying if I told you different," he said. "It's something I had no intentions of doing when I got here. I was just fighting to make it to the next day. But once I re-signed here two years ago, it was definitely something where I knew that if I could perform I'd have a shot in my third year probably to do it. It's just amazing. He's one of the best athletes in the history of the NFL and to see a little kid from Bend, Oregon, above that name would be pretty amazing."

It would be amazing because Hutson is a giant in NFL history and arguably the greatest Packer of them all. An end who also played defensive back and kicker from 1935 to '45, he was to the forward pass what Babe Ruth was to home runs. Hutson revolutionized the game with his size and speed, scoring 99 of his 105 touchdowns on pass receptions. He once scored 29 points–*in a quarter!* Legendary college coach Bear Bryant, the "other" end at Alabama in the early 1930s, called Hutson the greatest football player he had ever seen.

"I don't think anyone will talk about me that way when I'm done," Longwell said. "It is pretty humbling." But even though Longwell will never be thought of in those terms, his place in Packers history is secure. Picked up on waivers from San Francisco before the start of training camp in 1997, he got his big break when Brett Conway, the Packers' third-round draft pick that year, kicked poorly and then suffered a season-ending quadriceps injury. Given an unexpected opportunity, Longwell kicked so well that Conway was never heard from again.

RYAN LONGWELL...

In six seasons, Longwell has made 159 of 196 field-goal attempts, an 81.1 conversion rate that is seventh-highest in NFL history. He is only the third player to score 100 or more points in each of his first six seasons in the league, joining Denver's Jason Elam and New England's Adam Vinatieri. Over the last six seasons, Longwell has scored more points than any player in the NFL. Most important of all, he has made 85 of 100 attempts at Lambeau Field, where the swirling winds, cold weather and ever-changing field conditions can make it a kicker's nightmare.

"There is never an easy field goal at Lambeau Field," said Longwell, who passed Jim Taylor for fourth place on the Packers' career scoring list in 2001 and should climb over Paul Hornung (760), Chris Jacke (820) and Hutson this year. All except Jacke are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"They say Hutson was one of, if not the most feared receivers in the history of the game and I know that, ironic or whatever, he died two weeks before the Packers picked me up," Longwell said. "So I never got to see him or meet him, but just from (practicing in) the Hutson Center and asking around and being around here I've learned a lot about him. Some of the names I've passed or will pass, the Paul Hornungs of the world and guys like that, I don't equate my name with the status of those guys. So it's pretty amazing to have a chance at it."

Longwell finds it "pretty amazing" to be closing in on Hutson's revered record.

It is particularly amazing because Green Bay wasn't Longwell's first choice when he went undrafted out of California in 1997. And it wouldn't have been his second or third choice, either.

If the Packers hadn't made a waiver claim for what they at the time considered a camp leg, Hutson's record would be safe today. With Conway earmarked as Jacke's replacement, Longwell would have gone elsewhere had he cleared waivers.

"I probably wouldn't have (signed with Green Bay) because a third-round pick, it's his job," Longwell said. "There's just no ifs, ands or buts about it. Especially with a kicker, when you invest that kind of money, I probably wouldn't have come here. When the Packers called me and said, 'We just picked you up,' I was like, well, they're the one team that drafted a kicker, so it's a long shot. But we'll go out and see."

Conway was hurt prior to an exhibition game against the Raiders and Longwell, on short notice, was perfect on three field goals. Two weeks later, he was again 3-for-3 against the Giants in Madison. After Longwell's flawless preseason, the Packers didn't even feel the need to sign a recycled veteran.

"It's so tough to break in as a kicker," Longwell said. "You just don't get a shot at a job and, more often than not, when it comes down to crunch time that first game week, they're going to say, 'Let's just go with the proven guy,' and they go find one. But Brett came out and struggled and then got hurt in Oakland and I made my kicks out there and had a good day down in Madison and it just kind of all worked out. It was an amazing ride."

Except for one season, it has stayed that way. In 2001, the season after he signed his big contract, Longwell endured the one slump of his Packers career. He converted 64.5 percent (20-for-31) of his field-goal attempts, the only time in six seasons he's been below 80 percent. He missed four straight over one three-game span in October and people jumped to the conclusion that the big money had made him fat and sassy.

Longwell disputes that contention, saying he worked harder than ever that offseason because he knew he would be under intense scrutiny. Instead, he and Frank Novak, the special teams coach at the time, think the slump was due to a tired leg from too much kicking in practice. Whatever the reason, Longwell rebounded with a typically solid season in 2002, going 28-for-34 on field goals and making a personal-best 14 in a row.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating and I think when you look at how he came back the next year it tells it all," said Novak, now a coaching consultant for the Packers.

Indeed, if you consider Longwell's consistency, his pursuit of Hutson's record isn't all that amazing.

"I think I have been very consistent," Longwell said. "In six years, to have a six-week stretch that didn't go my way is pretty remarkable kicking in this climate. I think the consistency separates you from the field. I strive to be consistent and that gives you longevity in this league.

"I work very hard at what I do. I think there's a million and one guys who can kick the ball higher and further and stronger than me, but I think there's about 20 in the world that have the head to do it. So I think my head is why I'm consistent. I don't let a made field goal get me excited just like I don't let a missed field goal get me down. I'm always even-keel."

Novak calls Longwell a low-maintenance kicker who coaches himself on his technique, doesn't need to be stroked all the time and has a good practice routine.

"He's consistent with his technique," Novak said. "Regardless of whether we're playing indoors or outdoors, whatever the climatic conditions are, he does a pretty good job of adjusting to it. He adjusts well and he's consistent. He has excellent technique. He knows what to go back to when he's having a problem. He knows how to help fix it. He doesn't go into the tank when he misses one or doesn't kick off very well. He's a pro."

Someday, he might be a pro in golf, too. That's serendipitous because Longwell, whose father is a golf pro in Oregon, thinks kicking a football and hitting a golf ball are very similar.

"I've noticed the better I get in golf the better I become as a kicker," he said. "Just rhythmically they're so similar and mentally hitting one shot at a time. You can factor in the wind and the lie and the clubs and the weather and everything, but when it comes down to it, you've just got to hit the ball. It's the same thing with kicking."

Which is why sometime late this season Longwell will score his 100th point and surpass Hutson as the greatest scorer in Packers history.

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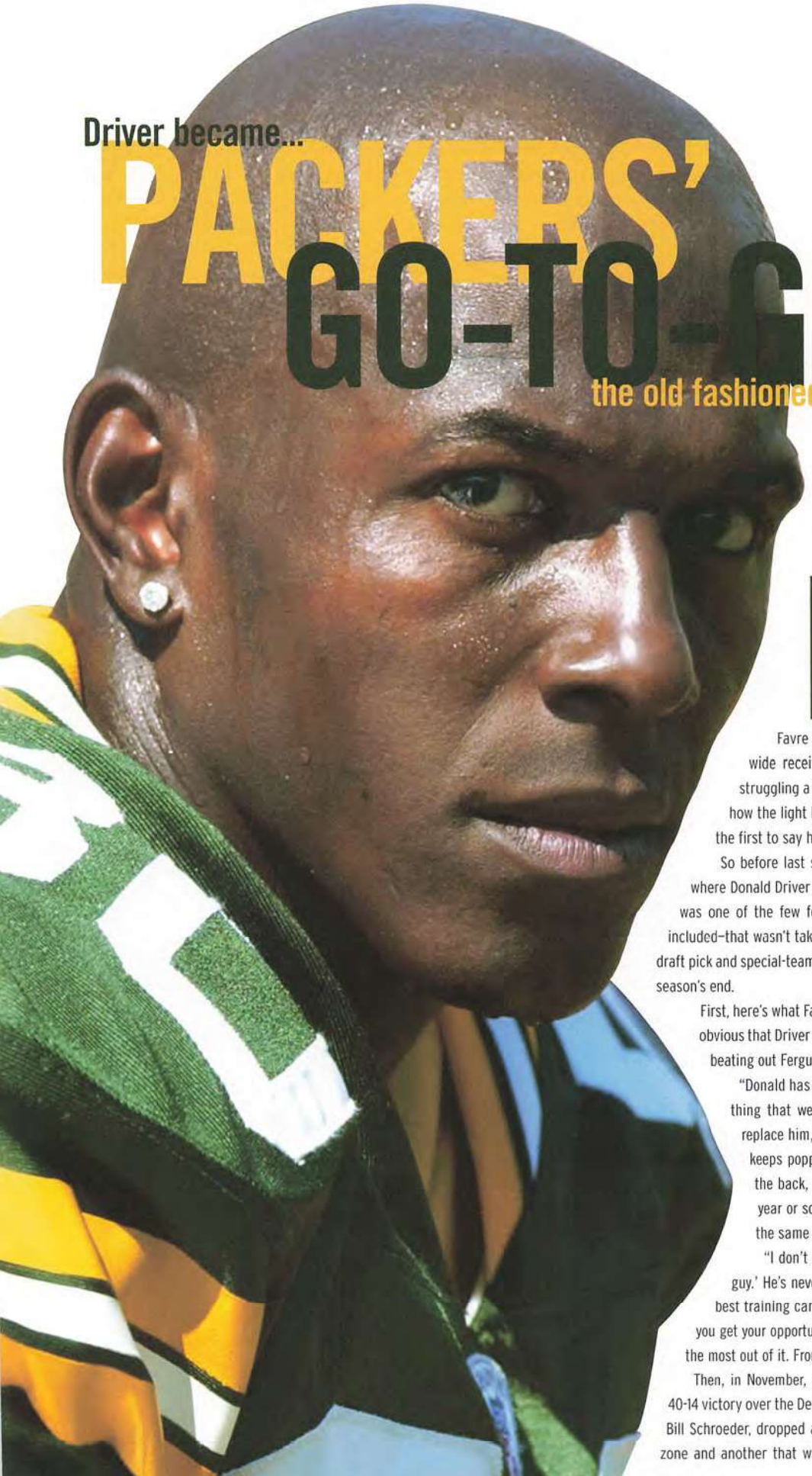


Driver became...

PACKERS' GO-TO GUY

the old fashioned way...he earned it

By Jason Wilde
Wisconsin State Journal

Brett Favre has never been one to impress easily. When you've won three NFL most valuable player awards and are a sure-fire first-ballot Hall of Famer like the Green Bay Packers quarterback, it takes a lot to get your attention.

Favre also never been one to mince words when talking about his wide receivers. Remember when then-rookie Robert Ferguson was struggling a few years back? Favre called it like he saw it, talking about how the light hadn't come on yet, and now, a couple years later, Favre is the first to say how far Ferguson has come.

So before last season, while everyone else was trying to figure out just where Donald Driver had come from to become the team's No. 1 receiver, Favre was one of the few folks around 1265 Lombardi Avenue–coach Mike Sherman included–that wasn't taken by surprise by Driver's ascent from 1999 seventh-round draft pick and special-teams player to the NFC Pro Bowl selection he would become by season's end.

First, here's what Favre observed as training camp wound down and it became obvious that Driver would earn the starting split end spot opposite Terry Glenn, beating out Ferguson, who had been given the starting job in the offseason:

"Donald has bought his time and bought his time, and we've done everything that we could possibly do to get rid of him and always tried to replace him," Favre said. "Each year, each camp, Donald Driver's name keeps popping up; 'He's having a great camp.' Then we shove him to the back, make him a third-down receiver, and he gets 15 catches a year or something. Never complains, always smiling, runs his routes the same way regardless of if he's a star or the fifth receiver.

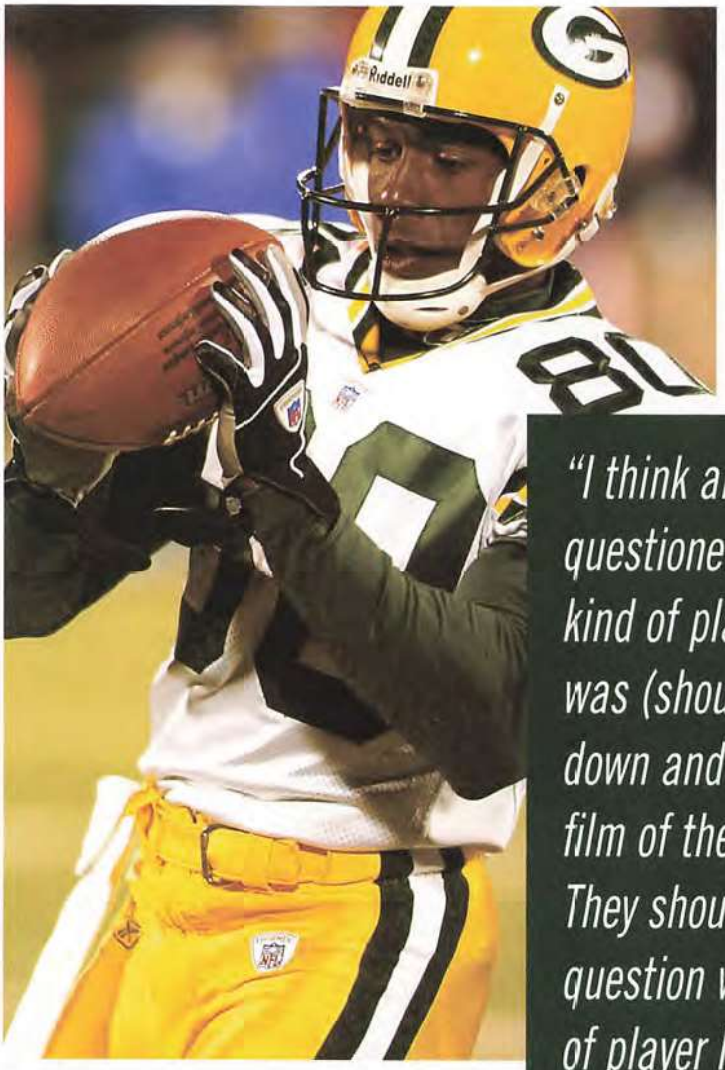
"I don't want it to sound like he walks around saying, 'Hey, I'm the guy.' He's never been that way. It's not his nature. But by far, he had the best training camp of anybody. You hear that saying all the time 'Hey, when you get your opportunity, make the most of it.' Some do, some don't. He's made the most out of it. From my standpoint, it's obvious."

Then, in November, after Driver had 11 catches for 130 yards in the Packers' 40-14 victory over the Detroit Lions at Lambeau Field–while the man Driver replaced, Bill Schroeder, dropped all three passes thrown his way, including one in the end zone and another that was intercepted and returned for a touchdown by Packers

GO-TO-GUY...

safety Marques Anderson—Favre stood at a podium and made a public pitch for his new go-to guy.

"I think anyone who questioned what kind of player he was (should) sit down and watch the film of the game. They should never question what type of player he is after watching today," Favre said. "Trust me, the Packers have gotten a steal in Donald Driver up to this point.



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Maybe he had an opportunity (to sign) somewhere else, but I knew when he came back to us that we were going to be very lucky to have him back. I don't see any reason why he shouldn't be here for a long time."

Then Favre saw Driver step up to the podium. "Were you in here for all of that?" Favre asked. Driver smiled and nodded. "You can send me a check (later)," Favre said, as the room filled with laughter.

The Packers ended up signing Driver to a five-year, $11 million contract extension a few weeks later, and now, Driver enters the 2003 season not as an unknown commodity but as one of the team's most valuable offensive weapons.

And yet, if you're waiting for Driver's breakout 2002 season–70 receptions, 1,064 yards, nine touchdowns in his first year as a starter–to go to his head, you'll be waiting a long time.

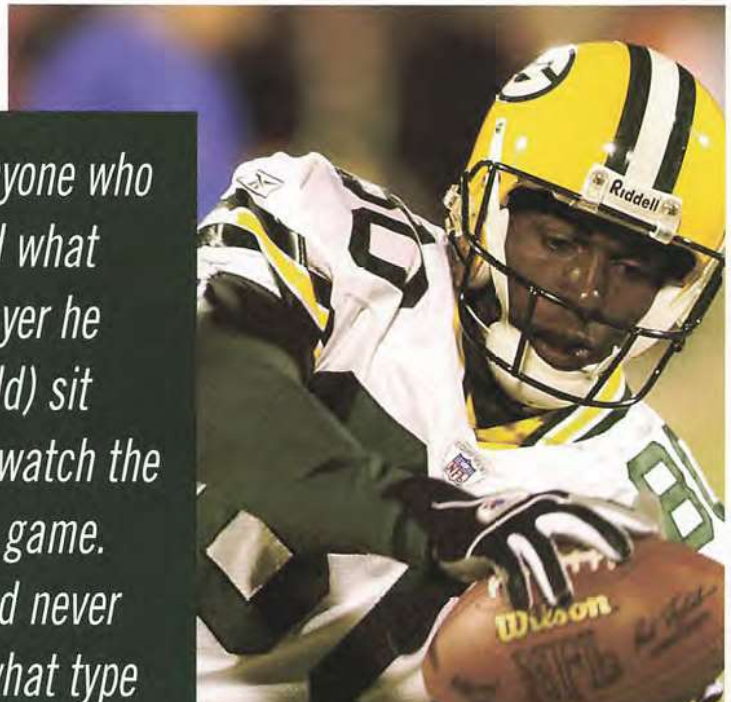
"I don't think anything's changed. I always knew I could play this game. I just kept working," Driver, 28, said after the Packers final minicamp wrapped up in June. Asked if he's been able to enjoy his accomplishments, Driver flashed his trademark megawatt smile. "Not at all. My wife (Tina) even said, 'When are you going to sit back and relax and enjoy that you went to the Pro Bowl as a first-year starter?' I have a lot more goals to accomplish first. When I retire, that's when I'll sit back and enjoy them all."

The one thing that has changed, though, is Driver's role in the locker room. After spending so many years looking up to and learning from the Robert Brookses and Antonio Freemans on the roster, now Driver is the guy all the receivers look up to.

"I think they can learn a lot. Because I learned a lot from other guys," Driver said. "My thing is, they have a lot to learn. I've seen first rounders, second rounders, but for me to make it as a seventh-round pick, working as hard as I'm working, they have to be like, 'Hey, we have to work like that."

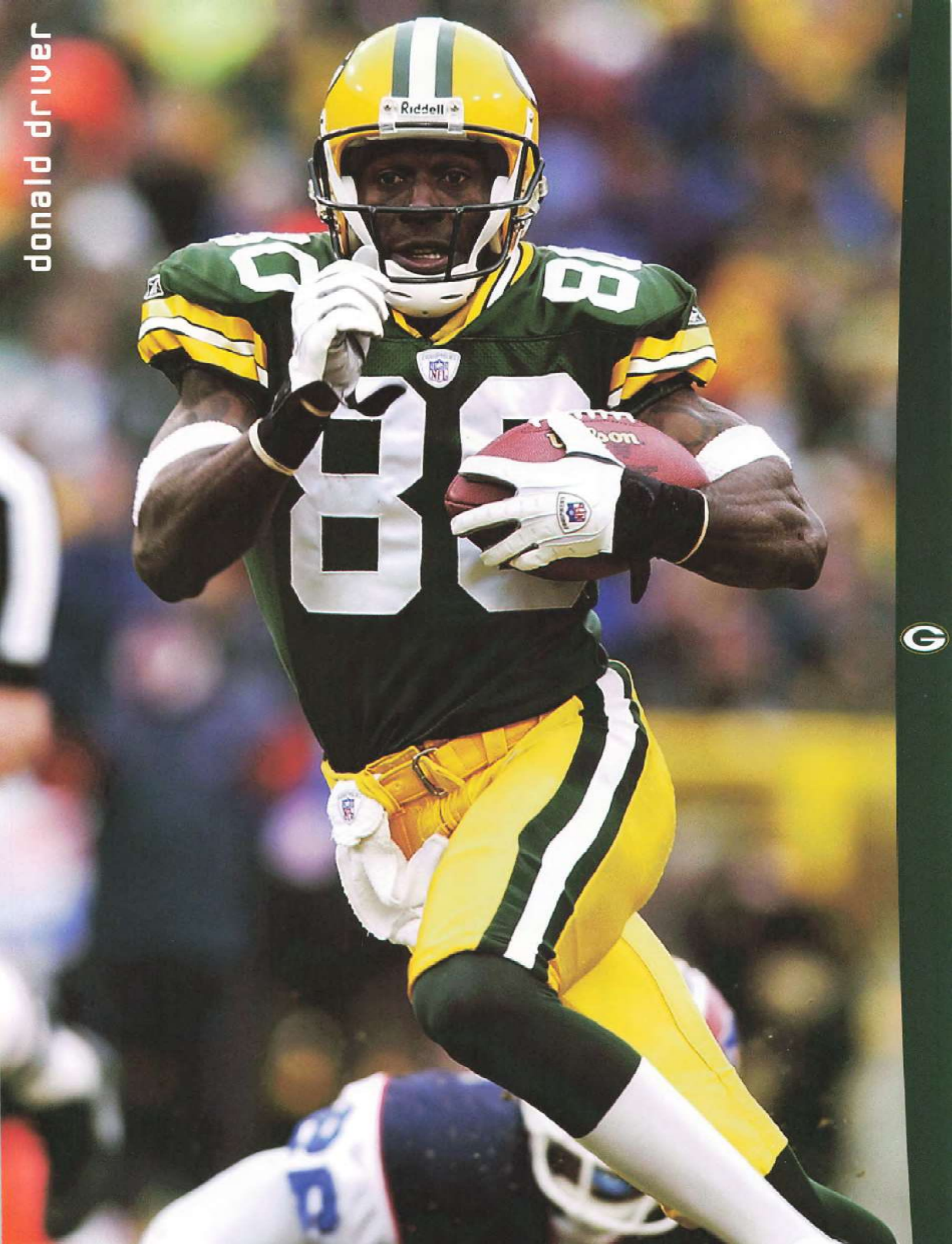
Sherman fully expects that work ethic to rub off on Ferguson and 2002 first-round pick Javon Walker, both of whom will have to make Driver-like improvements for the Packers offense to be successful.

"Donald Driver, I have to ask myself–and I hate to put this out there–but why didn't he play more (in 2001)? He played a lot on third down and made some third down plays for us,



but Donald has risen, has really grown into himself," Sherman said. "You watch him practice, you watch him play, he does it the same way. He's a lot like Brett that way. He practices the way he plays on Sunday. I love players like that, they do it in practice like it's the game.

"You don't have to worry about Donald being on time, doing the work, doing what he has to do to get ready for the football game. He's a pleasure to be around. Always has a smile on his face. He's the same every single day. Never changes, never ever is in the tank, never discouraged, never gives you less than what is his best. I knew Donald would contribute (in 2002), I didn't know that he'd be the leader he's become for our team. This is a very young player. For him to assume that role at this stage of his career is a testimony to him."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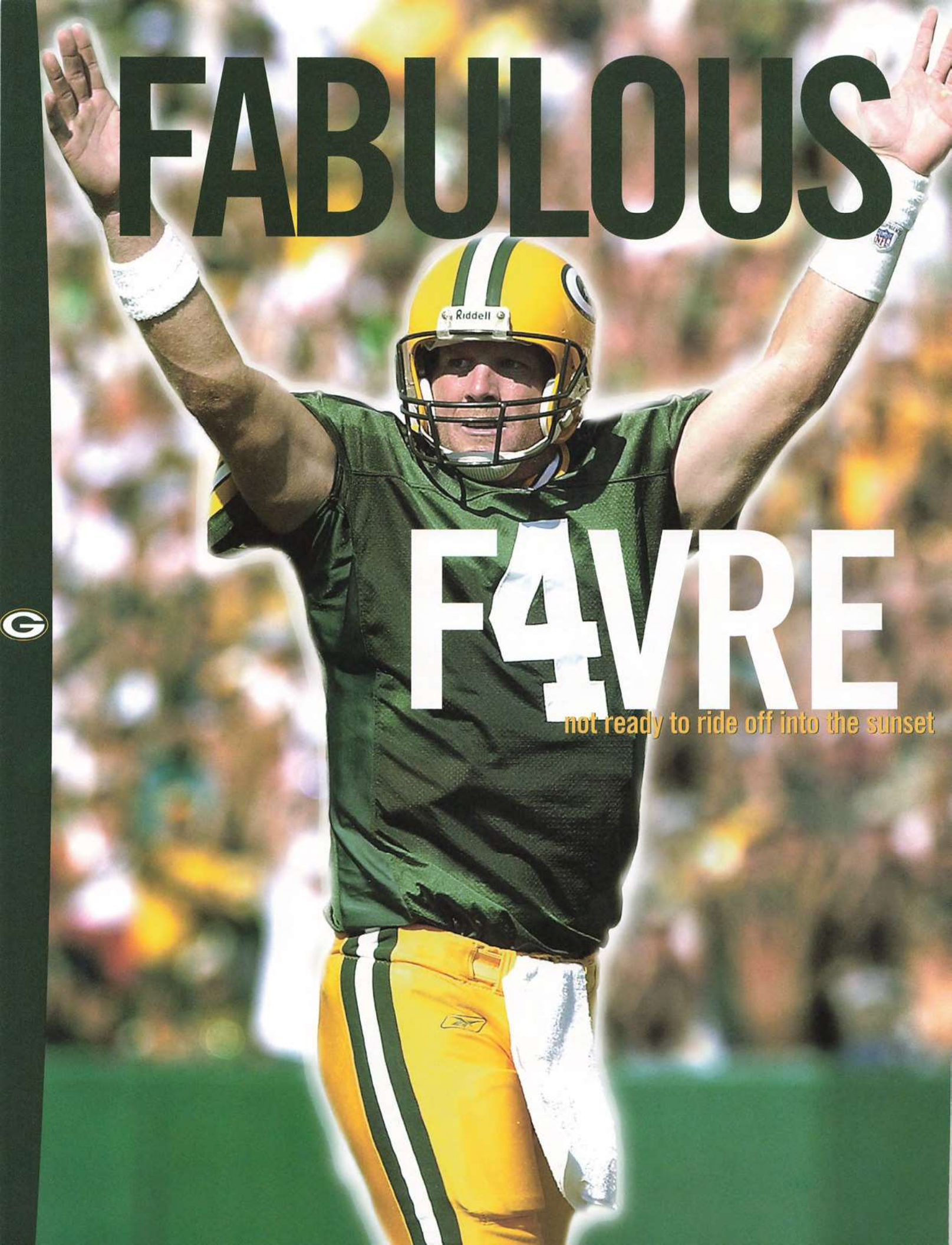
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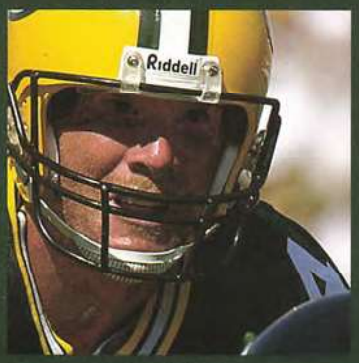


By Chris Havel
Green Bay Press Gazette

Brett Favre is exceptionally chatty on what he describes as a beautiful Mississippi morning. He and his wife, Deanna, are just off a four-mile bike ride through the woods, fields and creeks that surround their Hattiesburg home. All the fresh air has the Packers' three-time MVP quarterback in a talkative mood. His primary message: Life is good.

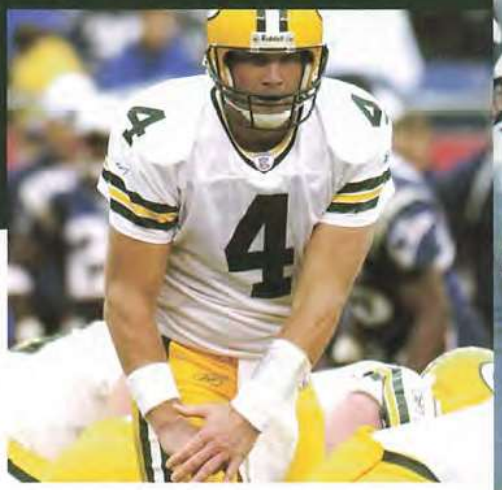
"For the first time in my life I enjoy yard work. I've got a good group of guys that I play golf with. The kids are getting older and there's always something to do with them," he says. "So I think there's a lot to replace (pro football) with in my life..."

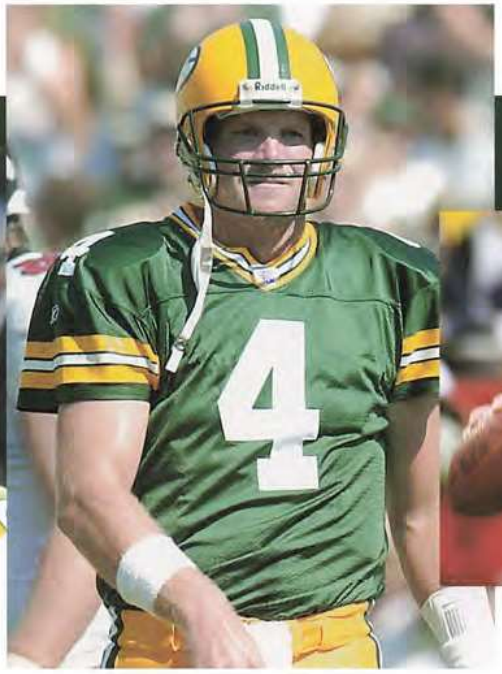
But just when Favre sounds like he's content to ride off into the Mississippi sunset—atop his garden tractor, no doubt—he admits there's nothing like playing quarterback for the Green Bay Packers. He has started 191 straight games (including the playoffs). He has 314 touchdown passes to rank third all-time behind Dan Marino, who threw 420 touchdown passes from 1983-99 with Miami, and Fran Tarkenton, who tossed 342 from 1961-78 with Minnesota and the New York Giants.

He has the NFL's third-highest career winning percentage of .665. He is a certain member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Oh, one more thing. He isn't finished yet. Not by a long shot.

"There is just no way you can replace some things (in football). There's the competition part of it. There's nothing like third-and-15 and you've got to convert. I mean, c'mon. You can shank the wedge and laugh about it and come back the next day. But you can't make too many mistakes in the NFL because you won't be around long."





It seems like the fabulous Favre, 33, has been around forever.

Mike Sherman, the Packers' head coach and general manager, was the tight ends coach here in 1997. He returned as head coach in 2000 and immediately noticed the change in Favre.

"Obviously he's a more mature quarterback and person," Sherman says. "He has grown leaps and bounds in my mind in all areas. As a lot of people do when they go from 26 to 33–he's just matured on and off the field. He has his priorities in alignment with what's important to him."

Sherman is realistic in regard to Favre's future. He knows the three-time MVP quarterback isn't going to play forever, but he doesn't fixate on it.

"Brett's never ever said one, two or three (more years) to me, just that as long as he feels good and keeps playing at a level he thinks people expect him to play and he expects to play, he's going to keep on playing. I don't have any concern about that.

"At the same time I have to prepare for the future. That time will come and we have to be ready whether it's through his decision or an injury or whatever the case may be. It's such an impact position and there are so few players that can play that position."

Favre intends to play quarterback at a high level, or not at all. He also aims to make the most out of whatever time he has left.

"Some guys don't understand that when it's over, it's over, so you better get the most out of it while you can. Then, 'Hey, when my time's over, I've got no regrets.' I'm not going to go

NFL debut: vs. L.A. Rams, 10/27/91, with Atlanta
Packers debut: at Tampa Bay, 9/13/92
First NFL start: vs. Pittsburgh, 9/27/92
Last game missed: vs. Min., 9/6/92 (dressed, DNP)
Last start missed: vs. Cincinnati, 9/20/92 (played)
First pass: completion to himself, at Tampa Bay, 9/13/92
First TD pass: to Sterling Sharpe, 5 yards, vs. Cin., 9/20/92
First interception: at Tampa Bay, 9/13/92 (R.Reynolds)

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

1991	Selected by Atlanta Falcons in second round (33rd overall) of '91 NFL draft, April 21...signed first contract, July 19.
1992	Traded by Atlanta to Green Bay Packers for first-round selection (17th overall, later traded by Falcons to Dallas, who chose CB Kevin Smith) in '92 draft, Feb. 10.
1994	Re-signed by Green Bay as restricted free-agent, July 14.
1997	Signed 7-year contract extension, July 25.
2001	Signed 10-year contract extension, March 1.

CURRENT CONTRACT EXPIRATION: After 2010

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Year	Team	GP	GS	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/ Att	TD	Int	Lg	Sacked/ Yds	Rtng
1991	Atlanta	2	0	5	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	2	0	1/11	0.0
1992	Green Bay	15	13	471	302	3,227	64.1	6.9	18	13	76t	34/208	85.3
1993	Green Bay	16	16	522	318	3,303	60.9	6.3	19	24	66t	30/199	72.2
1994	Green Bay	16	16	582	363	3,882	62.4	6.7	33	14	49	31/188	90.7
1995	Green Bay	16	16	570	359	*4,413	63.0	7.7	*38	13	*99t	33/217	99.5
1996	Green Bay	16	16	543	325	3,899	59.9	7.2	*39	13	80t	40/241	95.8
1997	Green Bay	16	16	513	304	3,867	59.3	7.5	*35	16	74	25/176	92.6
1998	Green Bay	16	16	551	*347	*4,212	*63.0	7.6	31	23	84t	38/223	87.8
1999	Green Bay	16	16	*595	341	4,091	57.3	6.9	22	23	74t	35/223	74.7
2000	Green Bay	16	16	580	338	3,812	58.3	6.6	20	16	67t	33/236	78.0
2001	Green Bay	16	16	510	314	3,921	61.6	7.7	32	15	67t	22/151	94.1
2002	Green Bay	16	16	551	341	3,658	61.9	6.6	27	16	85t	26/188	85.6
NFL Totals (12 years)		**177**	**173**	**5,993**	**3,652**	**42,285**	**60.9**	**7.1**	**314**	**188**	**99t**	**348/2,261**	**86.7**
Green Bay Totals		**175**	**173**	**5,988**	**3,652**	**42,285**	**61.0**	**7.1**	**314**	**186**	**99t**	**347/2,250**	**86.9**
Playoffs		**17**	**17**	**564**	**338**	**4,187**	**59.9**	**7.4**	**30**	**21**	**81t**	**29/190**	**85.2**

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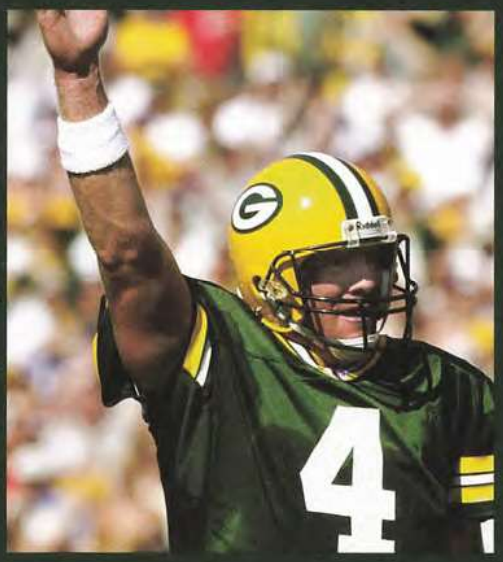


Number Four's already among the game's all-time greats—and he isn't finished yet

Breaking records is akin to old hat for Brett Favre...After all, the Packers' accomplished field general has set more than 40 game, season and career Packers marks over his distinguished career in Green and Gold, currently in its twelfth season. But he begins the 2003 season in position to add a truly remarkable record to his voluminous collection. The incredibly durable Southern Mississippi alumnus has played in 175 consecutive games and—by playing in the Packers' first 13 games of the season—would eclipse the team's long-standing mark for most consecutive games played (187), set by Hall of Fame offensive tackle Forrest Gregg (1956, '58-'70).

around saying, 'When I did this or when I did that.' I sure hope I'm not one of those "Glory Days" guys. Is there anything more boring?"

Probably not, just like there are few things more exciting than Favre dodging the pass rush, ducking outside the pocket and firing a bullet pass to a wide-open receiver.

Favre's magic lies not only in his powerful right arm, but his deceivingly nimble feet. While Marino's right arm is mythical, and Tarkenton's feet legendary, Favre is a lethal dose of both. He also is the first to admit he's going to become mere mortal once he loses his escapability.

"When the day comes I can't make the first guy miss I'm in trouble," he says. Until that day, opposing NFL defenses had better beware.

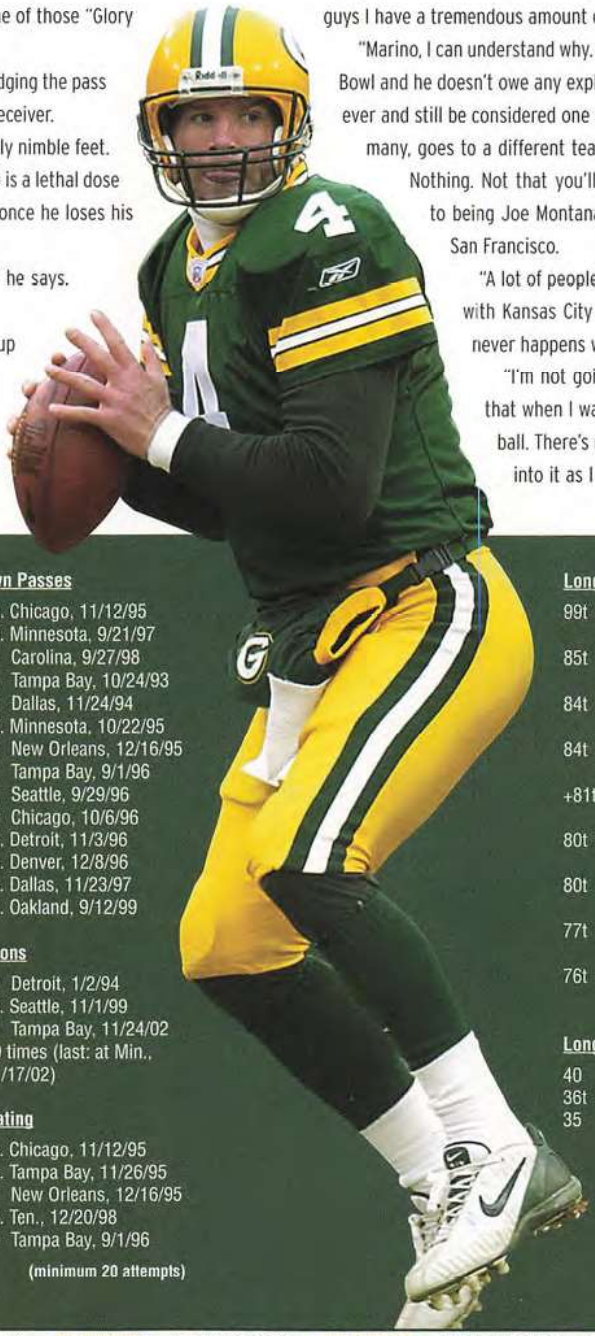
Favre aims to go out with his dignity and his fastball intact. He grew up idolizing Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw, Dallas's Roger Staubach and New Orleans' Archie Manning. It hurt to see them hang on long after the flame burns out.

"Not just those guys," Favre says. "But Joe Montana and Marino—guys I have a tremendous amount of respect for as quarterbacks.

"Marino, I can understand why. He hung on wanting to win that Super Bowl and he doesn't owe any explanation to anyone. He could do whatever and still be considered one of the greatest. Montana, who won so many, goes to a different team. And what does he have to prove? Nothing. Not that you'll remember him as that, as opposed to being Joe Montana the greatest quarterback ever with San Francisco.

"A lot of people don't even remember that he played with Kansas City but I hate to see that, and I hope it never happens with me. I don't see it.

"I'm not going to lie and tell you I won't miss it, that when I walk away I'm over and done with football. There's no way a player who has put as much into it as I have, and who has received as much



FAVRE'S SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Attempts

61	vs. San Fran., 10/14/96
54	at Chicago, 12/5/93
51	vs. Miami, 9/11/94
	vs. St. Louis, 9/3/95
	at Carolina, 11/27/00

Completions

36	at Chicago, 12/5/93
33	at Atlanta, 10/4/92
31	vs. Miami, 9/11/94
	vs. Cincinnati, 12/3/95
	at Minnesota, 11/22/98
	vs. Chicago, 10/1/00
	at Carolina, 11/27/00
	at Detroit. 9/22/02

Passing Yards

402	at Chicago, 12/5/93
395	vs. San Fran., 10/14/96
390	vs. Tampa Bay, 10/10/99
388	at Carolina, 9/27/98
366	at Detroit, 12/4/94

Completion Percentage

82.1	at Cleveland, 11/19/95
79.5	at Minnesota, 11/22/98
79.4	vs. Baltimore, 10/14/01
78.9	vs. Detroit, 12/6/92
78.6	vs. Detroit, 9/9/01

(minimum 20 attempts)

Touchdown Passes

5	vs. Chicago, 11/12/95
	vs. Minnesota, 9/21/97
	at Carolina, 9/27/98
4	at Tampa Bay, 10/24/93
	at Dallas, 11/24/94
	vs. Minnesota, 10/22/95
	at New Orleans, 12/16/95
	at Tampa Bay, 9/1/96
	at Seattle, 9/29/96
	at Chicago, 10/6/96
	vs. Detroit, 11/3/96
	vs. Denver, 12/8/96
	vs. Dallas, 11/23/97
	vs. Oakland, 9/12/99

Interceptions

4	at Detroit, 1/2/94
	vs. Seattle, 11/1/99
	at Tampa Bay, 11/24/02
3	20 times (last: at Min., 11/17/02)

Passer Rating

47.2	vs. Chicago, 11/12/95
43.6	vs. Tampa Bay, 11/26/95
42.8	at New Orleans, 12/16/95
42.6	vs. Ten., 12/20/98
41.5	at Tampa Bay, 9/1/96

(minimum 20 attempts)

Longest Passes

99t	at Chicago, 9/11/95 (to Robert Brooks)
85t	at Chicago, 10/7/02 (to Donald Driver)
84t	vs. Detroit, 9/6/98 (to Antonio Freeman)
84t	at Minnesota, 11/17/02 (to Donald Driver)
+81t	vs. New England, 1/26/97 (to Antonio Freeman)
80t	at Minnesota, 9/22/96 (to Don Beebe)
80t	vs. San Francisco, 9/1/98 (to Antonio Freeman)
77t	at Detroit, 10/29/95 (to Robert Brooks)
76t	vs. Pittsburgh, 9/27/92 (to Sterling Sharpe)

Longest Runs

40	at Jacksonville, 9/24/95
36t	at Chicago, 10/31/94
35	vs. Ten., 12/20/98

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from it as I have, can walk away and say, 'That's it.' You know what I mean? It just won't happen."

"So I will miss it. I'll miss the guys. I'll miss getting revved up on Sundays. I'll miss all the things that go into it."

Favre says he won't miss the players that thought they were better than the average Joe simply because they're in the NFL.

"Sometimes as you get older, the things that used to matter don't matter so much any more. Especially when guys get new contracts or more money or more fame and all of a sudden act like they're big shots. If I ever did it may have been for a brief moment.

"I don't want to say it's never happened because there may be times where I was like that or came across that way. But that's one of the things that gets me chapped more than anything. You've got it all. Why be a big shot? Treat people nice. The sky's the limit.

Why not respect other people?"

Favre's magic lies not only in his powerful right arm, but his deceivingly nimble feet. While Marino's right arm is mythical, and Tarkenton's feet legendary, Favre is a lethal dose of both.

Favre admits he isn't as social as he once was. "But I'm not anti-social, either. I like hanging out with my friends, the people that really know me, and it's nice because I never talk about football. Sometimes I tell them that losing or having a tough game or tough play or tough season makes you appreciate the high times. A lot of people look at me and say, 'How can you appreciate losing?' Well, I don't like it. But when you triumph after losing to Minnesota, and then coming back and beating them. Having it rubbed in your face in that first game, you really appreciate that win.

"Not a knock against them, but any time we can beat those guys it's something."

Something, he admits, he wants to experience as long as he keeps playing. As for how long he plans to play? Let's put it this way: The better, the longer.

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Date	Opponent	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	LG	Sk	W/L	Rtg
Sep 8	Atlanta	36	25	284	69.4	2	0	42	2	W	111.3
Sep 15	at New Orleans	44	29	270	65.9	2	1	27	1	L	88.3
Sep 22	at Detroit	47	31	357	66.0	3	1	37	1	W	101.1
Sep 29	Carolina	32	18	200	56.3	1	1	22t	4	W	72.4
Oct 7	at Chicago	33	22	359	66.7	3	0	85t	3	W	133.3
Oct 13	at New England	27	17	147	63.0	3	0	29	1	W	114.3
Oct 20	Washington	14	11	89	78.6	0	0	15	1	W	93.2
Nov 4	Miami	25	16	187	64.0	1	1	30	2	W	83.2
Nov 10	Detroit	39	26	351	66.7	2	0	46	2	W	112.2
Nov 17	at Minnesota	43	24	296	55.8	2	3	84t	0	L	63.7
Nov 24	at Tampa Bay	38	20	196	52.6	1	4	30	3	L	36.6
Dec 1	Chicago	42	24	221	57.1	2	1	42	1	W	77.6
Dec 8	Minnesota	32	22	214	68.6	2	1	40t	1	W	95.1
Dec 15	at San Francisco	33	25	201	75.8	1	0	23	1	W	100.7
Dec 22	Buffalo	33	15	114	45.5	1	2	20	2	W	39.2
Dec 29	at NY Jets	33	16	172	48.5	1	1	23	1	L	61.7
16 Game Totals		**551**	**341**	**3658**	**61.9**	**27**	**16**	**85t**	**26**	**12-4**	**85.6**
Jan 4	Atlanta[1]	42	20	247	47.6	1	2	37	2	L	54.4

[1]NFC Wild Card Playoff

For Mike Sherman it's high time

TO RETURN in 2003

"I was very patient for a long time and then very impatient. I was a victim of both emotions last year—being too patient and not patient enough at times."

By Todd McMahon
Green Bay News-Chronicle

Christmas was approaching, but those weren't visions of sugar plums dancing in Mike Sherman's head.

Instead, as the Green Bay Packers head coach/general manager lay restless in his bed, vestiges of Allen Rossum kept popping up. Only two years earlier, the Packers beat Tampa Bay in an overtime thriller at Lambeau Field on Christmas Eve 2000, capping a 9-7 season in which Rossum played a big part in his first year in Green Bay.

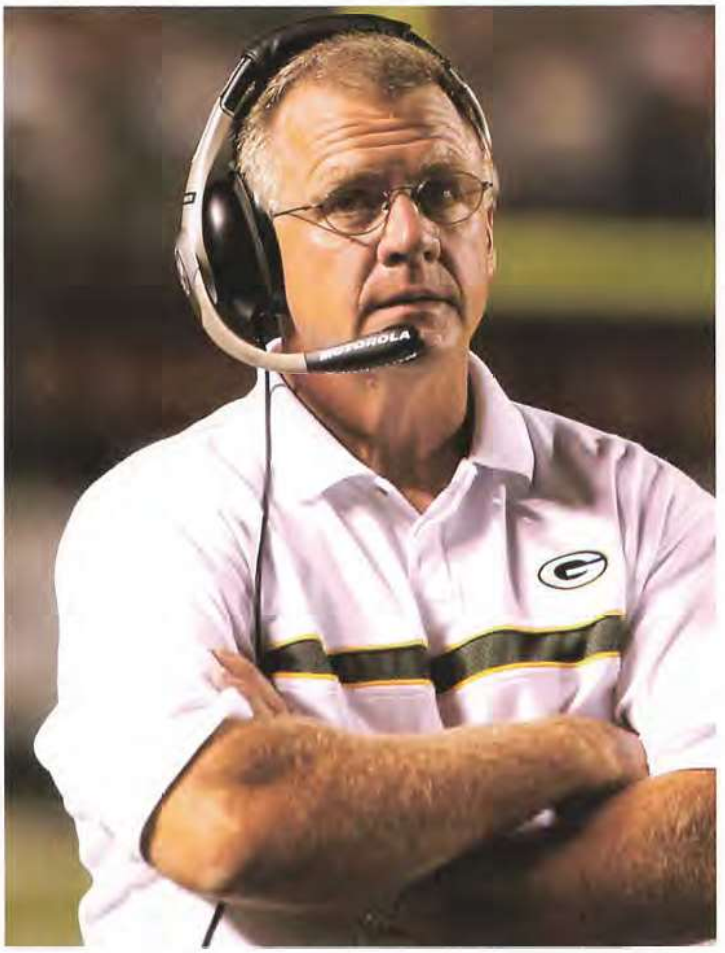
Rossum was just as valuable throughout the 2001 season, turning one punt return into a game-winning touchdown against the Buccaneers at Lambeau. Eligible for free agency last year, Rossum decided to sign with Atlanta. As integral as Rossum was during his abbreviated stint in Green Bay, little did the Packers envision how much of a dropoff they endured last season without the return specialist.

"We knew we didn't have anybody with his kind of speed or quickness. That we knew," said Frank Novak, Packers special-teams coach from 2000-02. "But, we just tried to live with what we had. Fortunately, we still won 12 games." Indeed, the Packers managed to win 12 of 17 games and run away with the inaugural NFC North Division title in spite of their Achilles' heel – a woeful return game that put them in dubious stead with the woebegone likes of Cincinnati, Arizona and Houston.

The Packers ranked last in the 32-team NFL with a punt-return average of 4.2 yards. They ranked 26th with a kickoff-return average of 20.4 yards. Of the two disciplines, the inadequacies that were manifested on punt returns attracted the most scrutiny. Sherman and Novak were at a loss by season's end, scratching their heads as they searched in vain for Rossum's replacement.

Darrien Gordon, regarded as one of the league's all-time great return men, mustered only 5.1 yards per return before being waived after 13 games. J.J. Moses, a diminutive free-agent pickup promoted from the practice squad, had his struggles in two games and averaged only 2.4 yards per return. On Christmas Day, four days before the regular-season finale at the New York Jets, Sherman summoned Eric Metcalf, like Gordon one of the premier returners in the NFL. He handled the duties for that game as well as the January 4 NFC wild-card playoff loss to Rossum and the Falcons, unable to net positive yardage in three returns.

After putting up with an entire season of little production from the return game, the normally mild-mannered Sherman can't bear to experience it all over in 2003. "I was very patient for...how many games was it last year?" he said. "I was very patient for a long time and then very impatient. I was a victim of both emotions last year–being too patient and not patient enough at times. So, there's a happy medium in there somewhere that, hopefully, I can find." To that end, Sherman and new special teams coach John Bonamego kept their



options open for much of the off-season. An extra week of training camp, prompted by a fifth preseason game, was to provide ample opportunities for a slew of candidates and to shake things out in the competition. Wide receivers Javon Walker and Robert Ferguson and running backs Najeh Davenport and Tony Fisher, all of whom handled kickoffs last season, were auditioning for lead roles in that realm. Walker, the Packers' first-round draft pick last year, had a team-high 35 returns for an average of 22.0 yards.

DeAndrew Rubin, a seventh-round selection this year with an extensive and impressive return background, also was vying for kickoff duties. Likewise, Rubin was lumped into the deep mix for punt returner, perhaps the one position that could decide the Packers' fate in 2003.

They won the Super Bowl in 1996 with Desmond Howard averaging 15.1 yards and scoring

RETURN GAME...

three touchdowns. The Packers haven't had a punt returner average double digits for yards since Howard's replacement, Bill Schroeder, produced a clip of 10.4 in 1997.

"That's such a confidence play," said Bonamego, previously special teams coach at Jacksonville who understood the headaches that came over the now-retired Novak last season." (The other 10 guys on the punt-return unit) do a much better job when they know who's back there and they know what to expect and they know that person has a chance to score," added Bonamego, touching on last year's deficiencies. "Sometimes, you can chalk some things up to bad luck. When you get the ball punted over your head a couple times because it gets caught up and it rolls, those things don't help your stats any."

"But, there was a lot of good things done here last year, and we're just trying to build on those. The main thing we have to find is somebody whom we're confident with back there who can handle the football. The rest of it, that's going to come."

After attempts to reclaim Rossum from the Falcons in a trade fell through, the Packers entered the preseason with six top candidates to vie for the position: Ferguson, Rubin and fellow wide receivers Karsten Bailey and Gari Scott, in addition to Antonio Chatman, who set an Arena Football League record for return touchdowns last season. Eric Crouch, the former Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback at Nebraska signed as a free agent in April, was open to trying his hand at returns if he couldn't make the team as a quarterback.

Ferguson, in his third NFL season, declared himself ready to win the job, never mind that he's returned only one punt as a pro. "I want to be the guy, and I believe it will be me," Ferguson said. "When I have a chance to really go out there and be in action, I'll prove that I'll end up taking that job. That's an electrifying position, and I've been thinking about it all off-season." Ferguson already has endeared himself to Bonamego with an infectious "enthusiasm for the game."

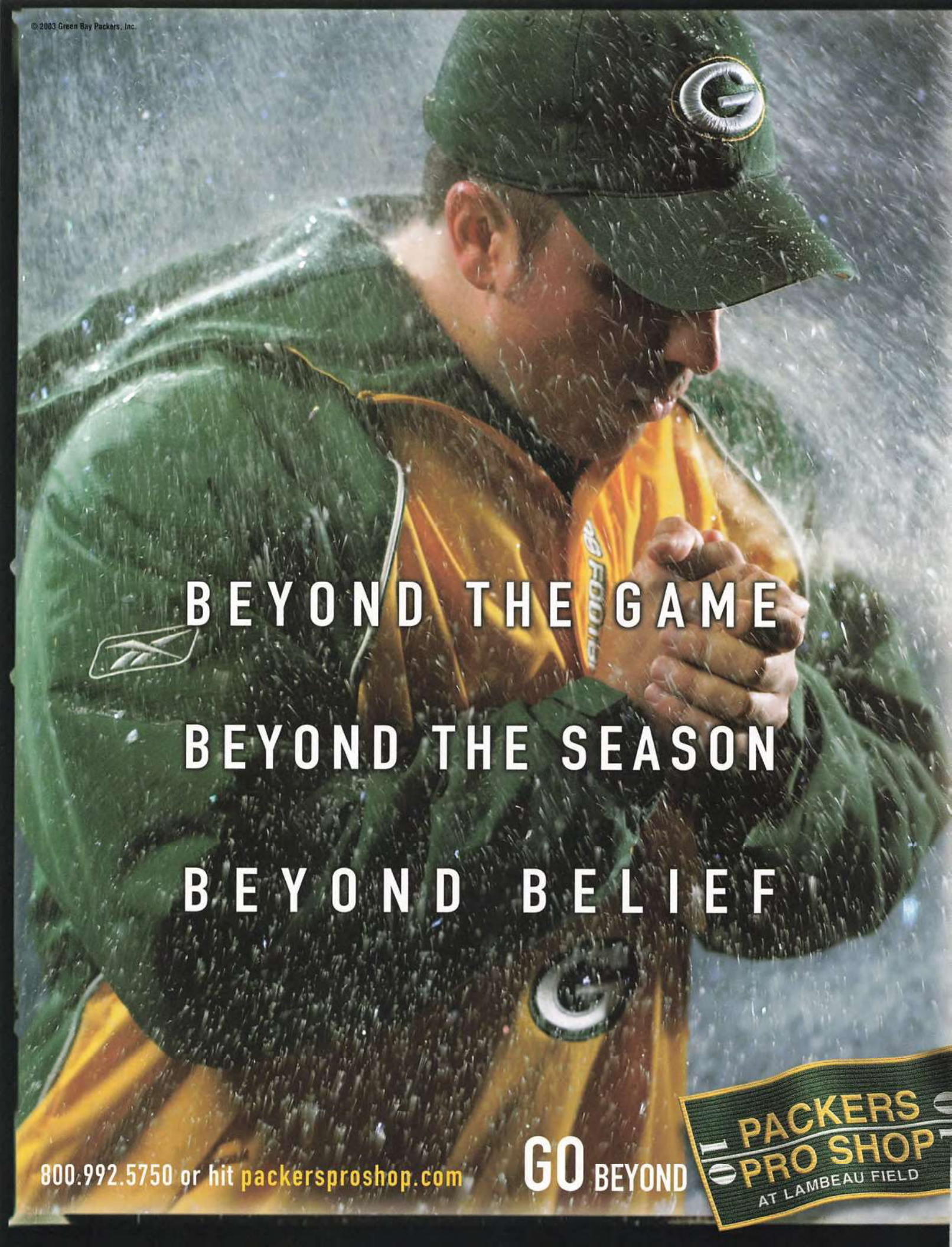
Sherman, however, could have reservations about exposing Ferguson on punt returns because he's one of the team's primary receivers. Ferguson's reply is he's prepared to hold down both roles. "If the team needs me to do that, I'm going to do that," Ferguson said. "If I break (a punt return) for 60 or 70 yards, I'm sure Coach won't mind me taking a play off (on offense) and then come back out there. That's how I look at it."

As Sherman sees it, the confidence that gradually waned in his return game last season can quickly be restored should Ferguson or someone else emerge as the return catalyst that makes him forget about what Allen Rossum meant to the team a short time ago. A restful night with pleasant dreams would be a nice early Christmas gift.

"Allen Rossum was very unique–he's one of the best ones in this league in doing that," Sherman said." We have to see if we have somebody special in taking the ball up the field."

Although he returned only one punt in 2002, Robert Ferguson (left) is confident he's the solution to the return problem that haunted the Packers last season

Ferguson's fellow receivers Karsten Bailey (right), a fourth-year professional, and rookie DeAndrew Rubin, below, are among the top candidates to fill the return role. Rubin finished 10th nation among collegiate kickoff returners with a 26.8-yard average.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Tale of the tape...

DARREN SHARPER

Sharper's film preparation key to his 'league leading' interceptions

By Todd Korth
Packer Report

You think you're ready for some football? Probably not as ready as Darren Sharper.

Whether he is on the plane, in a hotel or inside the friendly confines of Lambeau Field during the season, the best place to find Sharper is in front of a video screen watching play after play of Green Bay's upcoming opponent. For Sharper, this is the time of the year when video games and movies take a back seat to pass and run formations of opposing offenses. When it comes to intercepting passes, nobody in the NFL during the last four seasons has done it better than Sharper. The Packers' free safety has all of the physical attributes–speed, quickness, good hands and durability–to pick off passes, but he will be the first to tell you that his game begins with preparation. And that begins in the film room each week and usually ends there the night before each game. When Sharper is not practicing with his teammates and watching film of offenses with his coaches, he will take CDs of opponents home with him and continue to seek out tendencies of offenses.

Sharper estimates that he probably spends 10 to 15 hours a week studying film on his own, in addition to the time he spends with coaches and teammates before and after practices while preparing for a regular-season game.

"The more film you study, the more chances you are going to have to get your hands on the ball because you are going to see things, and you are going to see clues," Sharper says. "A lot of teams might try to change things up and they might add a couple of new wrinkles, but, overall, they run a lot of similar things and similar route combinations."

Sharper is in his sixth straight season as a starter at safety. He has 25 interceptions since the beginning of the 1999 season, tops in the NFL, including seven in an injury-shortened 2002 season. In 2000, he led the NFL with nine interceptions, the first Packers player to lead league in interceptions in nearly four decades. A two-time Pro Bowl safety, the key to Sharper's interceptions is as clear as a land-line phone connection.

"Knowledge of the game, point blank," said second-year safety Marques Anderson, who often watches film with Sharper at the office and in Sharper's home. "When you have knowledge of the game and you're an athlete like he is, that's going to come. You are going to be in the right place at the right time. You are going to know where the quarterback is trying to go. On some plays, he just knows where the ball is going. It's just from seeing it so many times."

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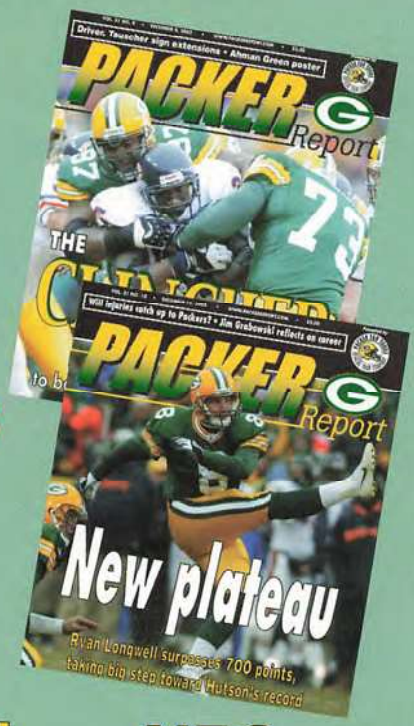

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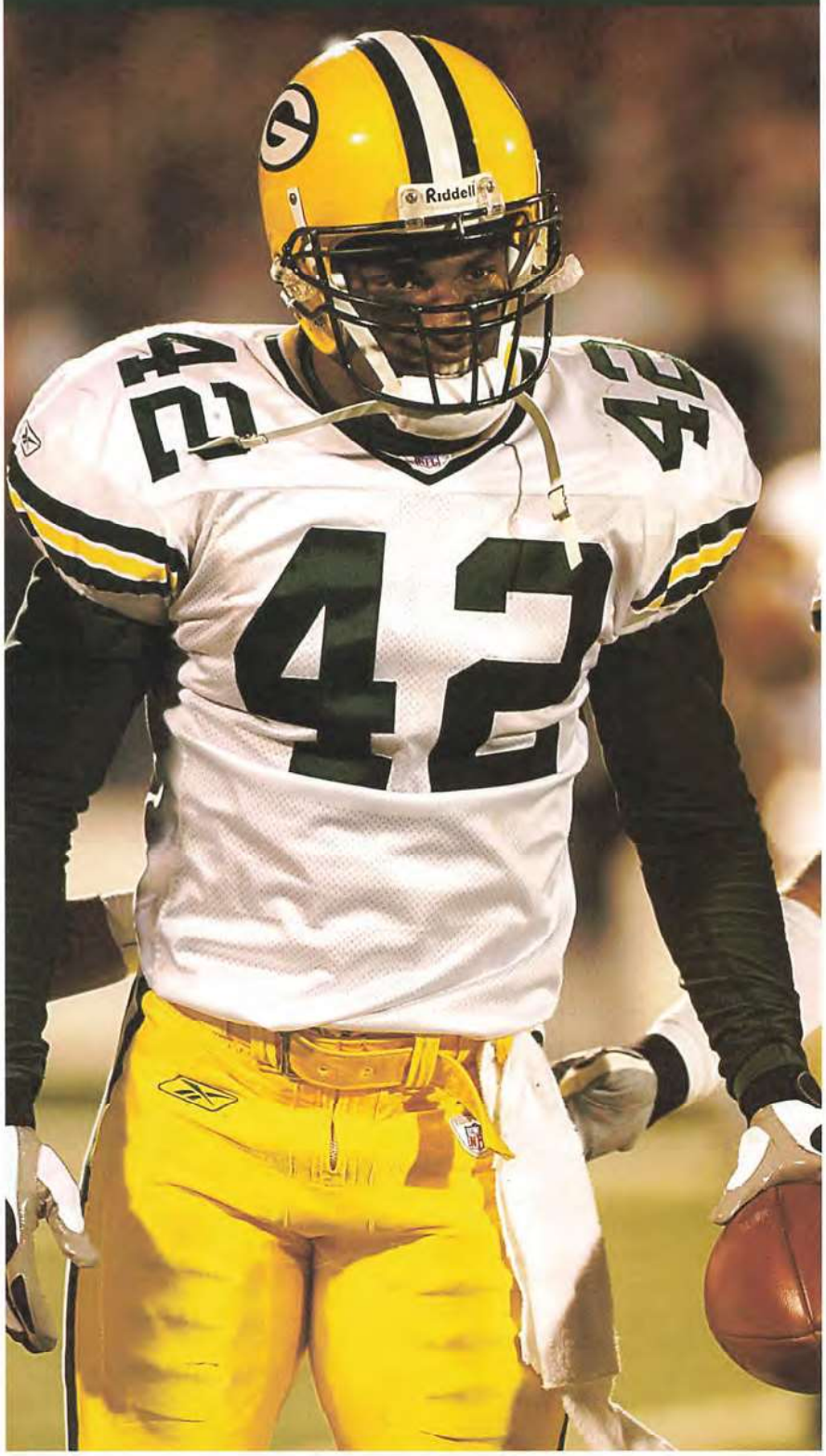

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It is no fluke that Sharper has developed into one of the top defensive backs in the National Football League because his success can be traced to his mental and physical preparation for each game.

"I would tell you that first and foremost is hard work, practice ethic, the way he studies the tapes of the opponents and knows his assignments," says defensive backs coach Bob Slowik, who has instructed Sharper for the last three seasons. "He has great range. He has great anticipation. He can see the quarterback. He can see the field, anticipate things well. And he's not afraid to go make a play. Some guys, sometimes don't believe what they see. He sees it and he goes after it."

Of course, Sharper is always learning. He learned a hard lesson last season on when and when not to return an interception. Two weeks after Sharper's questionable 66-yard interception return at the end of Green Bay's 26-22 victory over the Minnesota Vikings, he returned an interception against the Buffalo Bills and suffered a season-ending knee injury on the play. In retrospect, Sharper's best move may have been to take a knee, but when you're in the heat of battle it's a different story.

"Anytime I get an interception, I'm going to try to score with it," said Sharper who led the NFL with 233 interception return yards in 2002. "There are certain areas of the field that you might want to think about not returning it as much. If I get near the sidelines returning the football and there are about five or six guys around me, I'm going to go out of bounds. I'm not going to cut back into them, or cut back across the field, things of that nature. Or there are times when I might catch it in the end zone. If I don't have clear sail, I'll just take a knee. That will give our offense the ball on the 20 rather than the 10 or 15 yard line. There are certain times you can do things and be smart about it. But whenever I get my hands on the ball, no matter where I am on the field, instincts take over. That's something you've got to try to train yourself to do and say, 'OK, if I'm in a certain position and there's not a chance for me to get more yards and help us out as a team, you get down so you don't have the injury that happened last year."

Sharper's wounded knee from last January is back to normal. Though he battled a tight hamstring during the post-draft minicamp, he again has set his interception goal high for 2003. Though he declined to reveal his goal, his filmwork will be part of the process along with good health and a little luck.

"Every now and then you do have to take a chance, but the chances are not gambled on a whim," Sharper said. "They are all calculated guesses, studying film and seeing things over and over, you get certain clues. That's one thing that helps me out. If I see a clue that I've studied on film all during the week, I believe in my instinct to go ahead and take a chance and go ahead and go to where I think the ball is going to go."

"A lot of players might think they know where the ball is going and see it, but they don't trust their instincts. They don't let themselves just go ahead and react, but I always do that. I just go ahead and react. If I'm wrong I believe in my ability to make up and cover ground."

Clifton's long road back...

CHAD CLIFTON

splashed with sunshine

By Todd McMahon
Green Bay News-Chronicle

There's a reason why vacations are commonly referred to as an escape from reality.

In the case of Chad Clifton's late-spring getaway, there were many reasons. Clifton, wife Candy and her grandparents spent a week in May off the Gulf of Mexico in Sandestin, Florida. Five months earlier, Clifton was confined to lying still in a bed for hours on end. Now, he would be able to recline on a patio chair, free to turn his body and wiggle his toes as he so pleased. For the better part of the preceding four months, Clifton moved hundreds of pounds of weights and waded in a hot tub. Now, the extreme weight lifted off his shoulders, he would be able to kick up some waves in a big body of water. There were the daily visits to the training room for ice treatment, a drill that became tiresome after a while. Now, the only ice he would see came in the drinks consumed on the beach. "It was good to get out of Green Bay and just go down to some nice sunny weather and warm temperatures," Clifton said.

Aside from visiting family in Tennessee for about a week and a half in March, the excursion to the southern side of the Florida panhandle afforded Clifton his only R&R during a trying first half of 2003. The offensive tackle made Lambeau Field his second full-time home.

Days of five, six, seven hours cooped up in the weight room, the hot tub and the dreaded training room weren't uncommon. Clifton had no choice. If he wanted to fulfill his objective of returning to the starting lineup for the first game of the Packers' 2003 regular season, he was going to have to commit the time and complete the necessary work.

"I knew what I had to do to get back on the field, so it wasn't tedious at all," Clifton said. "For two months, I couldn't really do anything. So, it was kind of refreshing to be able to get in the training room and the weight room and put the weight back on because I lost 20 pounds."

Teetering on 300 pounds isn't considered healthy for an NFL offensive lineman. Yet, that's the predicament in which the 6-foot-5 Clifton found himself in the wake of one of the more horrific plays in league history. As the left tackle entrusted to protect quarterback Brett Favre's blind side, Clifton was blindsided by Tampa Bay defensive tackle Warren Sapp during the Packers' 21-7 loss in Tampa on November 24.

A third-quarter interception by Buccaneers cornerback Brian Kelly touched off the devastating hit and its chilling consequences. Sapp leveled an unwitting Clifton away from Kelly's return along the sideline. Clifton remained on the field for 10 minutes before being carried off on a backboard.

"Most of their defenders were ahead of me and upfield, so that's where I was concentrating on their defenders," Clifton said. "At the very last second, I saw Sapp...by then, it was too late. As soon as I hit the ground, I felt the pain."

Pain that likely will stay with Clifton for much of this season. As training camp approached, soreness in his groin area was palpable.

All things considered, though, Clifton acknowledged he'll be able to bear the slight discomfort. His tolerance for pain went up a few bars in the unforgettable days and weeks after November 24.

Sapp's questionable, albeit legal blow left Clifton in a Tampa hospital for two nights. He had sustained serious ligament damage to his pelvis, abdomen and groin. To make matters worse, a pool of blood formed around his bladder. "It was very frightening because (the doctors) didn't really have anything to base this on," Clifton said. "You see that type of injury in car accidents, but you don't see this in football very often."

"They just said (it was comparable to) a car accident, and it felt like one. Seriously, it felt like one."

The unknown left Clifton admittedly scared as he lay motionless in the Tampa hospital 1,400 miles from his wife, teammates and coaches in Green Bay. Clifton begged Candy, who hadn't made the trip for the game, to remain at home. He assured her everything would be fine and he would see her again shortly. In private, though, Clifton had understandable doubts.

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CHAD CLIFTON...

"Those first couple days were extremely tough," Clifton said. "You're lying in a hospital bed; you can hardly move; a lot of pain; you don't know what your future holds at that time. So, yeah, the thought definitely runs through your head, 'Will I be able to play again?'"

Those convictions were reinforced when Clifton was moved from Tampa to Green Bay, calling it the "worst day" of the post-hit ordeal. Packers assistant trainer Bryan Engel had stayed with Clifton in Tampa and accompanied him on what felt like a long plane ride to Wisconsin.

"There was just a lot of moving," said Clifton, explaining how he had to be transferred from the hospital bed to a wheelchair and then into another bed set up in the air ambulance.

"At the time, the pain was so great. It hurt, seriously, to try to move your right leg, left leg, you couldn't do it," Clifton added.

Alas, he became accustomed to the prone position upon returning to Green Bay. After four more days in the hospital, Clifton was ensconced at home, bed-ridden for about a month.

By then, team physician Pat McKenzie had eased Clifton's mind with an encouraging prognosis. Clifton surely wasn't going to recover overnight or in a matter of months, but the outlook was good that he would be able to play football for the Packers in 2003.

Clifton said the arduous road to recovery that began in earnest in January wouldn't have been possible without a tremendous support system. Teammates, coaches and front office types visited him regularly.

Hundreds of cards and letters from concerned fans and empathetic citizens extending to California occupied Clifton's time and kept his spirits up. He was particularly emboldened by a giant-sized card signed by well-wishers at Festival Foods in Green Bay.

Clifton's staunchest supporter, however, was Candy, whom he had married last summer. She went beyond the vows into which the couple entered, serving as his primary caretaker 24/7 when he was bed-ridden and, later, could only move around with a walker.

"When you have to take care of someone hand and foot and do everything for them, it's tough," Chad said. "There for a month and a half, she did everything. She fixed my food. If I needed something, she would get it. She dressed me; she helped me up to go use the bathroom. She definitely was a saint for that period."

Packers head coach/general manager Mike Sherman repeatedly called on divine intervention as he tried to get the thought that his budding left tackle may not be able to play again out of his head.

Clifton, who turned 27 on June 26, emerged as a starter seven games into his rookie season in 2000. Within three years, Clifton and right tackle Mark Tauscher, who also broke into the league in 2000, established themselves among the NFL's top blocking bookends.

In an eerie coincidence, Clifton and Tauscher found themselves rehabilitating together this off-season. Tauscher tore the anterior-cruciate ligament in a knee two games into last season.

As the Packers readied for training camp, Sherman counted his blessings that his young, talented starting duo was on track to be in the lineup September 7, for the regular-season opener against Minnesota.

Clifton's remarkably swift comeback was heaven sent, to some degree. Besides the healing required in the hip area, Clifton also underwent separate procedures earlier in the year to take care of cartilage damage in a knee and in an elbow.

"My prayers have been answered that he is getting back," Sherman said. By the middle of May, Clifton was running without difficulty; his weight had ballooned to the desired 325; and there was eagerness to strap on the helmet and pound on some pass rushers.

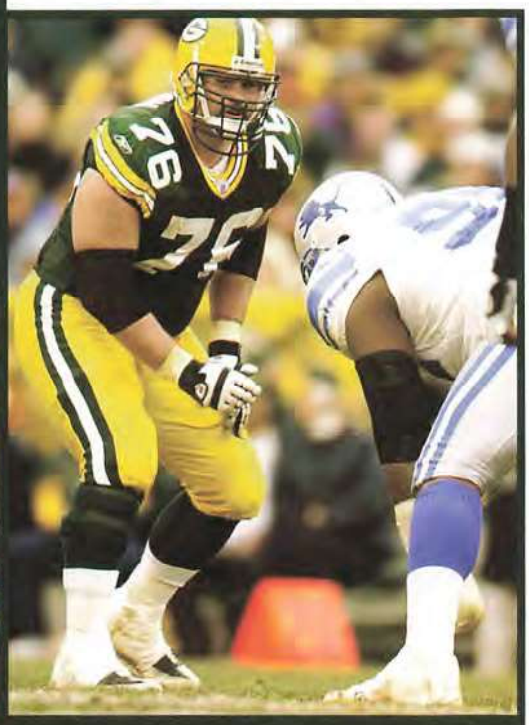
"Compared to where I was–laid up in the hospital bed, having to use to a walker–to me, it's amazing now to be able to run and lift again," Clifton said. "I've come a long way."

Moreover, Clifton, by all of the work he has put in on those long days at Lambeau since January, is convinced he might be a better player than he was prior to the ill-fated run-in with Sapp.

Remembering what it felt like on the worst day of this whole ordeal, Clifton can't wait to experience the best day.

"Hopefully, it's still ahead of me," he said. "But, every day seems to be a good day. Some days, it's bad; some days, it's better. But, just being able to come (to the stadium every day) and knowing that I'm going to be better and I'm going to be back, that's all I need."

Days of five, six, seven hours cooped up in the weight room, the hot tub and the training room weren't uncommon.



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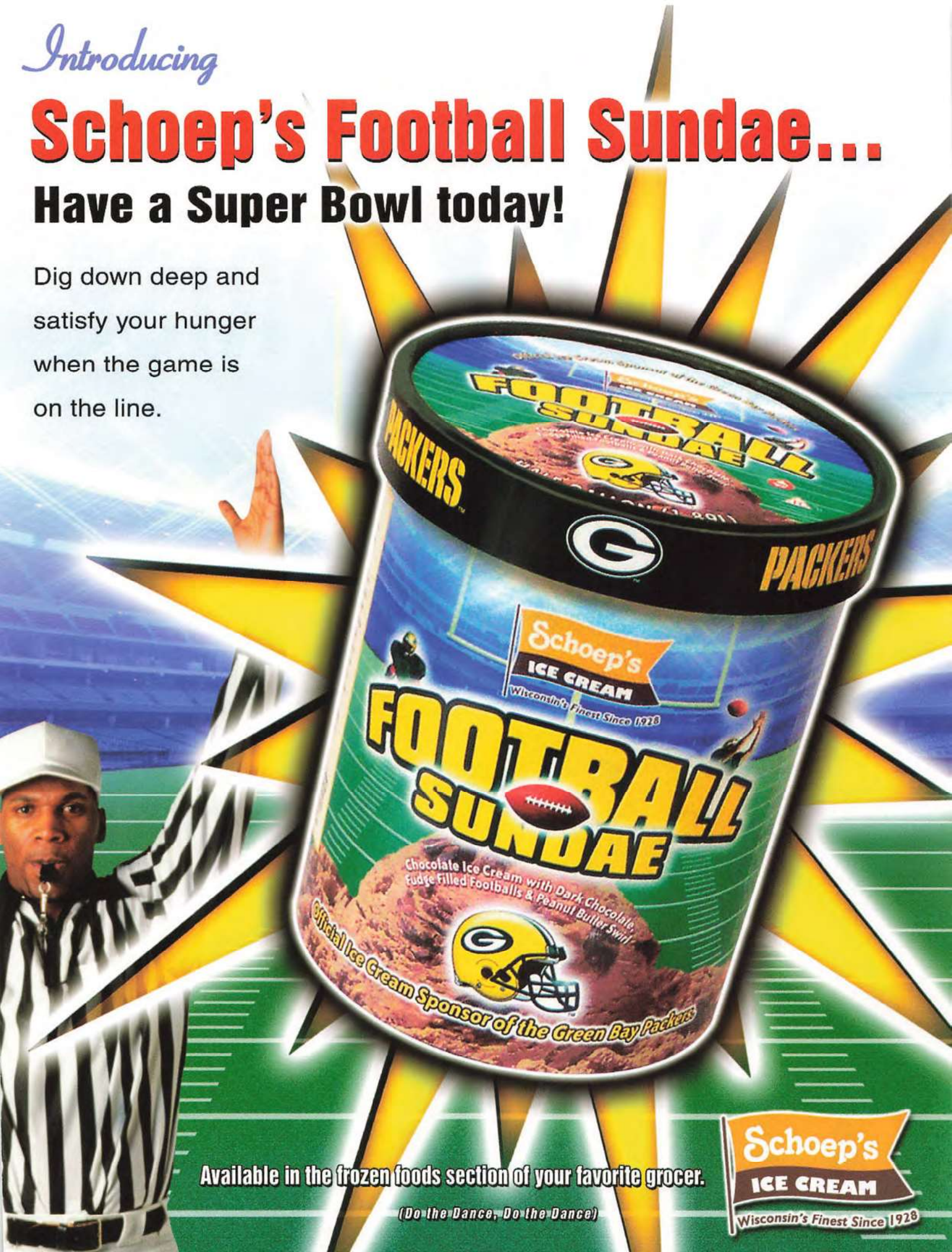

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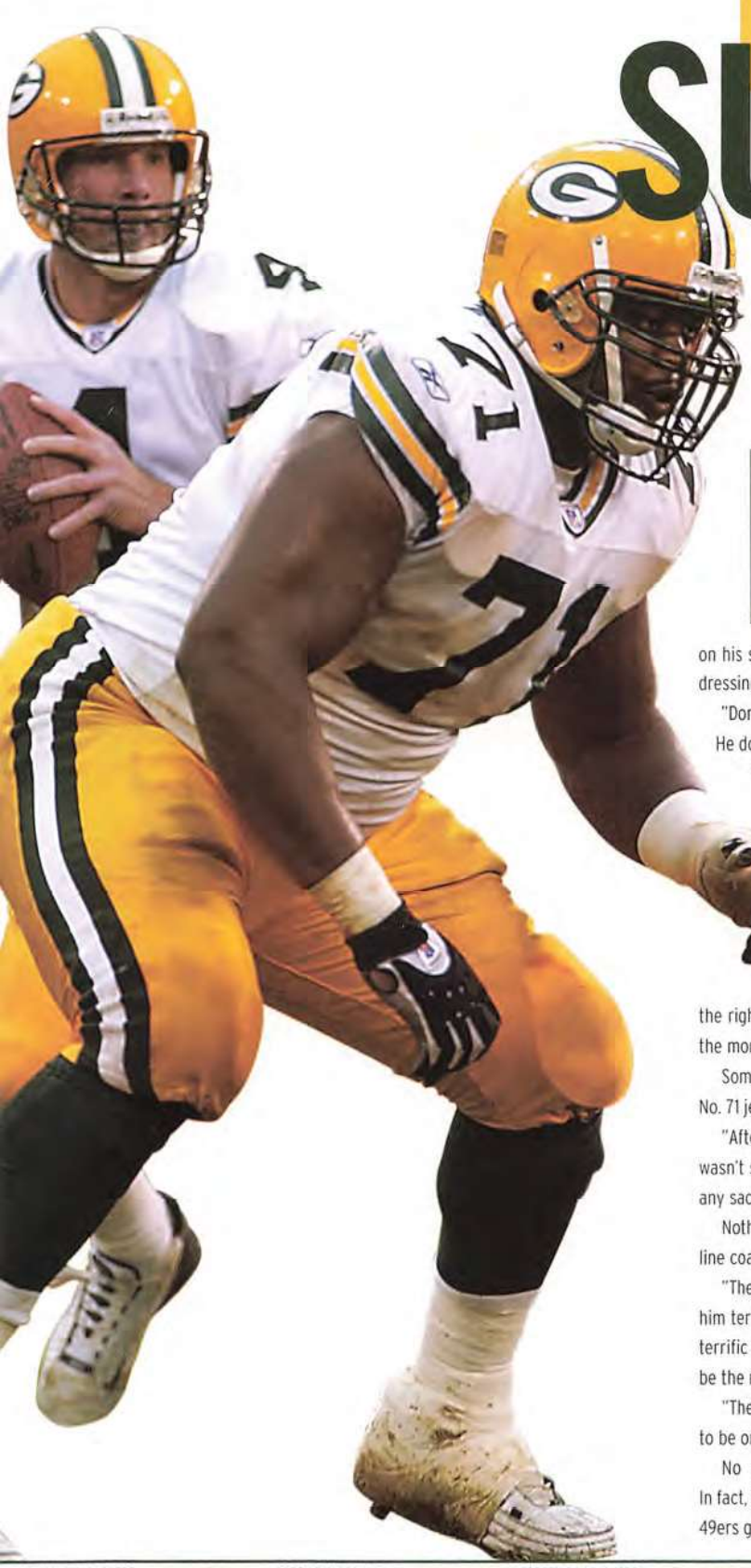


Ironman. It's a cliche that immediately conjures images of legendary immortality, yet Brett Favre, the man associated so often with that term, was feeling every one of his 33 years last December 16, as he gingerly dressed for another battle.

He was about to age another 20 years.

As another long, painful season was winding down, the veteran quarterback was lacing on his shoulder pads when he was approached by center and buddy Frank Winters inside the Packers' dressing room at San Francisco's Candlestick Park.

"Don't be alarmed, but Earl's out, "Winters said in a hushed tone to Favre. "Kevin Barry's going to play. He doesn't know what's going on, but he'll be fine."

Nothing personal, but Favre was not exactly enamored with the reality of old reliable Earl Dotson, whose creaky back had acted up that morning, being replaced at right offensive tackle by Barry.

Wasn't he that kid from Racine, Wisconsin, who wasn't even drafted the previous April? Wasn't he that kid who sat out the first several days of training camp with sore hamstrings, drawing a not-too-subtle warning from Packers coach Mike Sherman?

As indestructible as Favre is perceived to be, he still has the same tissue, tendons and ligaments as anyone else. And he really wasn't up for dodging blocks from the right side all afternoon, especially on a rain-swept day in San Francisco when footing would be all the more treacherous.

Some three hours later, Favre was looking at that 6-foot-5, 325-pound kid stretching the fabric of his No. 71 jersey not as a liability, but as a savior.

"After the game, I had forgotten that he was making his first start and that he was a free agent who wasn't supposed to make this team as a free agent," Favre said. "Whoever he was blocking didn't have any sacks, so he did a great job."

Nothing like praise from the master. And yet, that was nothing compared to what Packers offensive line coach Larry Beightol is saying these days.

"The good Lord was kind to him," the notoriously difficult-to-please Beightol said of Barry. "He gave him terrific size, but he gave him an awful lot of athletic ability to go along with that size. He will be a terrific football player in the league for a long time, barring any serious injuries. I just feel he's going to be the real deal."

"The Green Bay Packers are the ones who lucked out on this one. Down the road here, this guy is going to be one of the mainstays of the Green Bay Packers."

No one with a rational mind would have speculated as much just a few years ago. In fact, it's probably a good thing Favre wasn't a little more familiar with Barry's background prior to that 49ers game.

KEVIN BARRY...

For instance, Favre probably wouldn't have been comforted knowing that Barry never played a down of organized football prior to enrolling at Racine's Washington Park High School as a freshman in 1993.

And that when he was in his first season at Hutchinson Junior College at Kansas in 1997, Hutchinson coach Martin Harrell said, "There are plenty of offensive linemen in this league right now who are just as good as him."

And that as a senior at the University of Arizona in 2001, he was benched midway through the season.

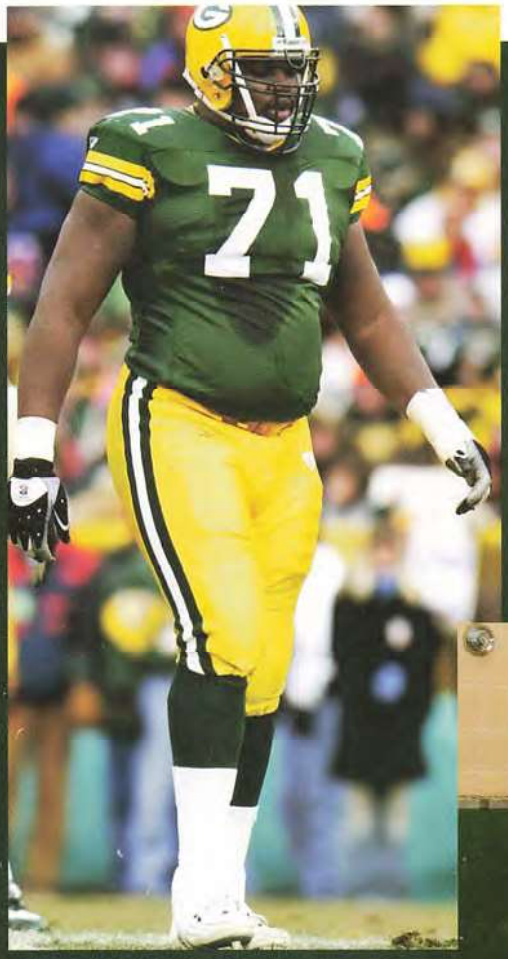
But there's something one needs to understand about Barry. He's an intelligent young man with an artistic flair who has worked diligently to overcome a learning disability throughout his football career. And he has historically achieved dramatic results because of his persistence.

forcing Barry to learn an entire new system as a senior. There were, to say the least, growing pains.

Now that he's with the Packers, Barry has the benefit of something he's never had as a football player–continuity. And for the first time, he will be able to grow into a system.

"I'd say I got a lot more comfortable with it now," Barry said. "I've been back up here for awhile working on doing all that stuff and going through my notebook that I have from last year and practicing with a couple of guys who are around here and doing some one-on-one stuff with them. I've worked on pass protection and other things and that's helped me build confidence and get ready for this year."

With the uncertain status of starting tackles Mark Tauscher and Chad Clifton, both of whom are coming off major injuries, don't be surprised if Barry receives more playing time. And don't be surprised if he emerges into something special–just as he always has.



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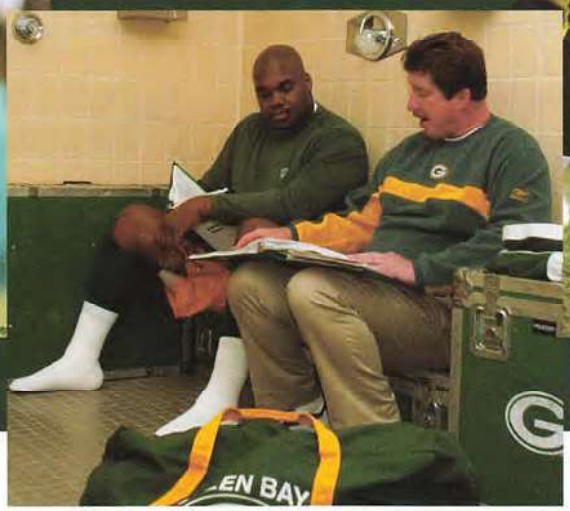
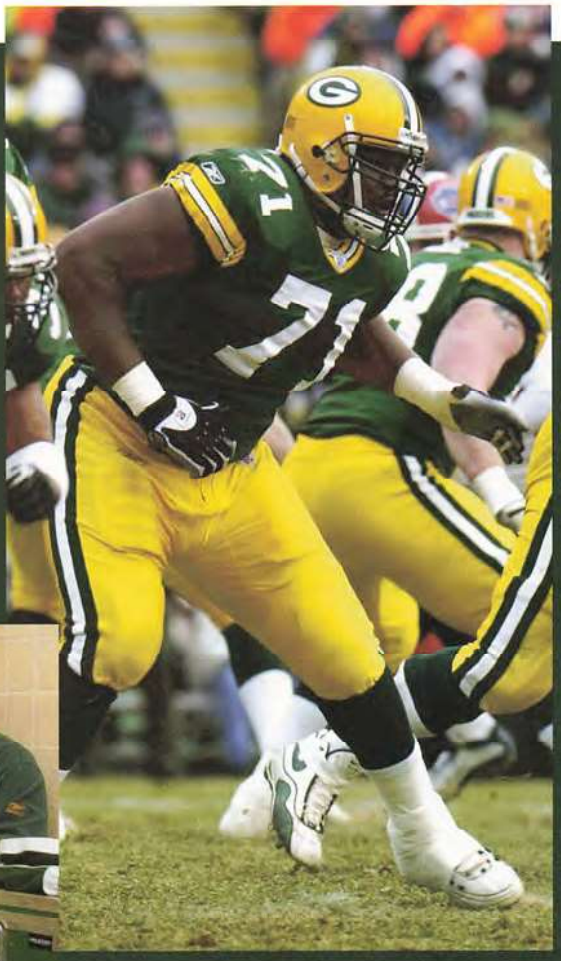




Consider this track record: After earning only honorable mention recognition on the All-Racine County football team as a junior at Park, he was named the Associated Press' Player of the Year in Wisconsin as a senior in 1996.

And after being dismissed as just another tackle by Harrell at Hutchinson in 1997, Barry earned Junior College All-American honors his second season.

As for that benching at Arizona, there was a legitimate reason for that. John Mackovic had replaced Dick Tomey as Arizona's coach prior to that season,

Barry has certainly been doing his part to fulfill Beightol's considerable expectations. After starting three games last season for the injured Dotson, Barry has remained in Green Bay during the offseason, lifting weights, studying his playbook, improving his conditioning and enhancing his coordination with martial arts classes.

"I think I'll probably get a little more playing time," Barry said. "That's why I'm back up here getting ready to go. I like to always prepare for stuff and I feel that being up here and working out, it's going to help me for this upcoming year."

Packers Draft

DEFENSE DEFENSE DEFENSE

and *Speed!*

By Rob Demovsky
Green Bay Press-Gazette

When Mike Sherman emerged from the draft room following the April selection weekend, the Green Bay Packers coach and general manager left little doubt where the biggest improvements had been made.

Sherman used his first four selections–and six of nine overall–on defensive players. The first day produced Oregon State linebacker Nick Barnett in the first round and Ohio State defensive lineman Kenny Peterson in the third.

Throw in cornerback Al Harris, acquired in the offseason from Philadelphia for a second-round pick, and it was literally defense, defense, defense.

"I would hope in every draft you try to upgrade your football team, and in this draft I'm hoping to upgrade our defense," Sherman said. "I don't think this draft is a response to our roster turnover as much as it's a response to making certain decisions and moving forward. But I hope this draft will upgrade our defense."

Day two was more of the same as Sherman and his personnel staff targeted another Oregon State product, defensive tackle James Lee. The Packers traded up in the fifth round to grab the 327-pound run stopper.

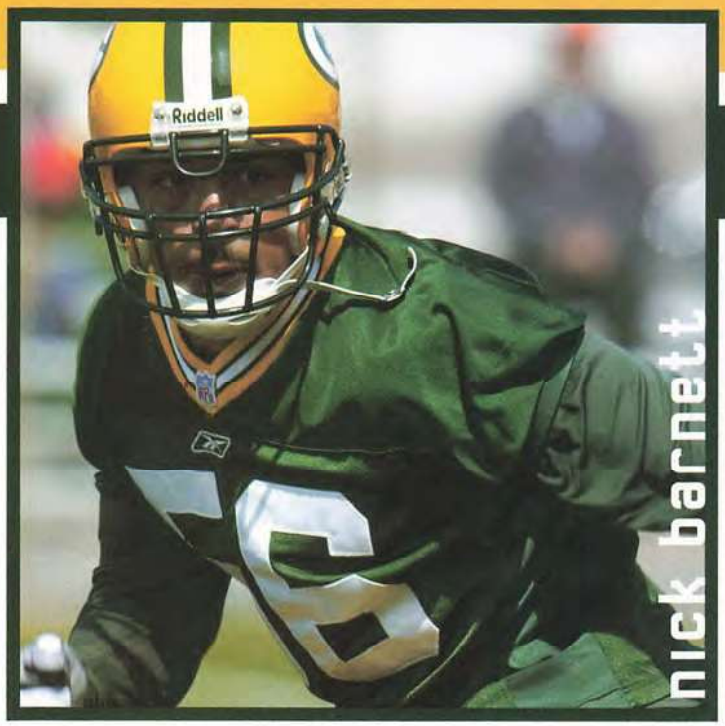
Sherman moved up again in the fifth round to take Vanderbilt linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer.

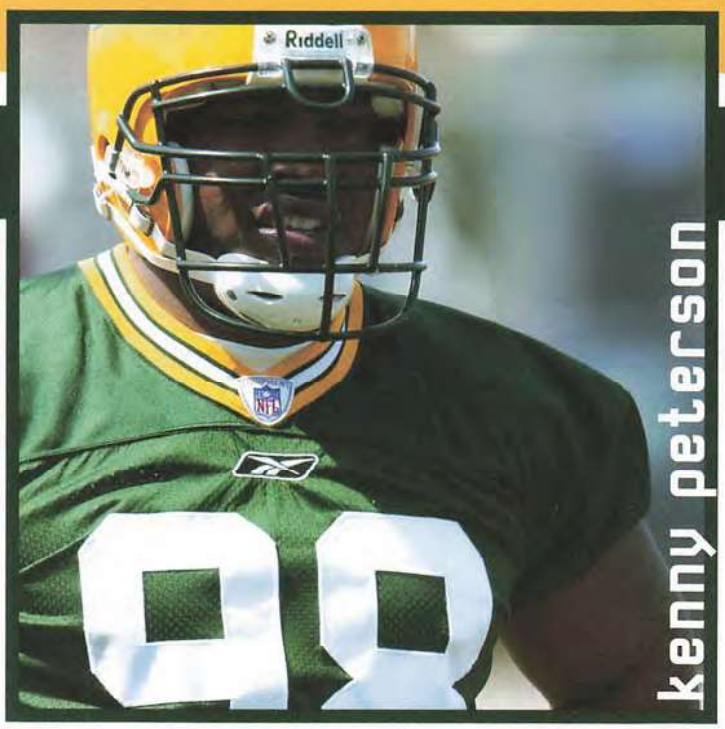
In all, Sherman made three trades on day two of the draft–and four overall on draft weekend–quickly earning him a wheeler-dealer reputation.

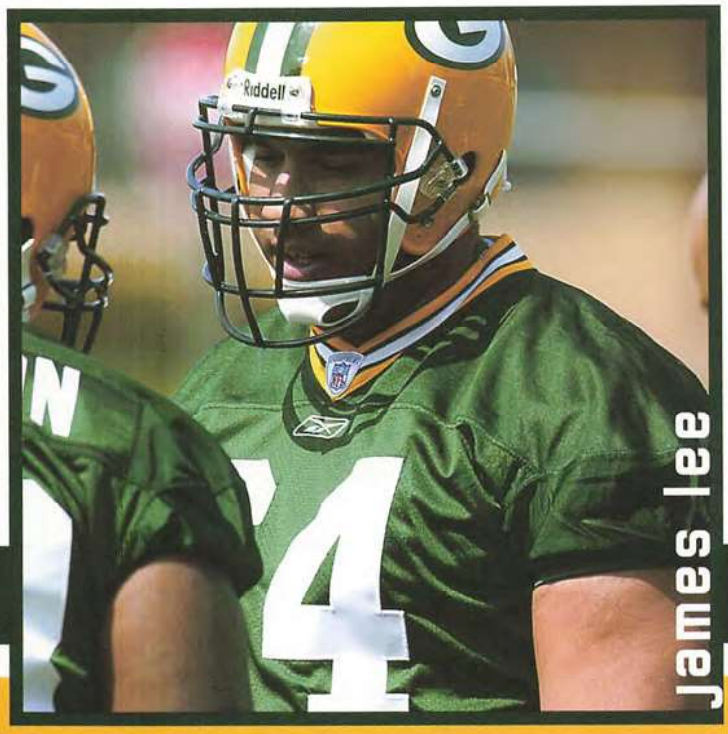
"I go by the philosophy that Ron Wolf has used: If you can fix your team, fix your team. No risk, no reward. I've kind of lived by that. I wouldn't consider it wheeling and dealing. I consider it doing what you have to do to help yourself win football games. This is all about winning games, and we helped win games (in the draft)."

Lee could hold the key to the rookie class. If he pans out–and Barnett and Peterson live up to their billing–it could be a blockbuster draft for the Packers' defense.

The energetic but under-experienced Lee, who was never a starter at Oregon State,







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is stunningly quick for a big man. He ran a 4.88-second 40-yard dash, giving him the rare speed-size combination.

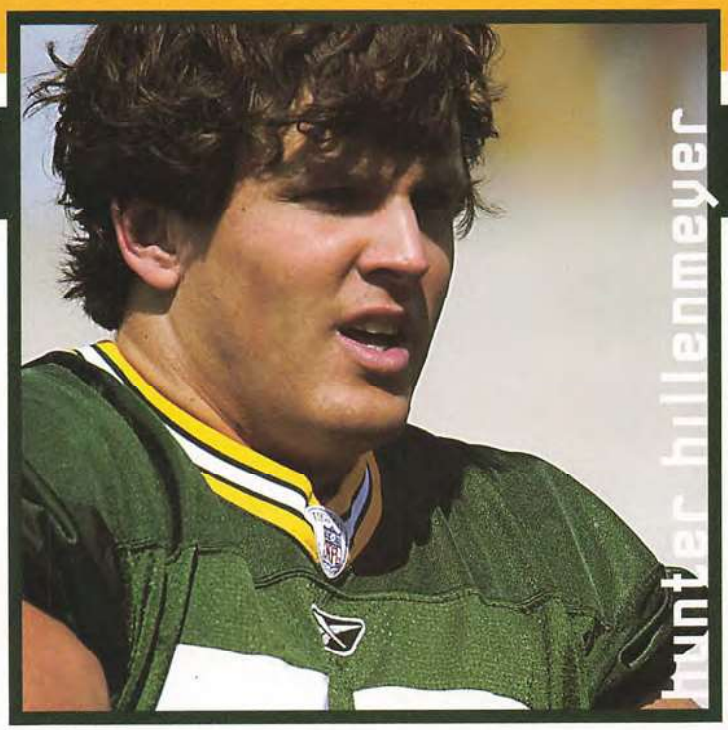
"Once you get into that area of the draft, you want something special about the guy," defensive coordinator Ed Donatell said of Lee. "He's a big man that can move and explode."

The other second-day draft pickups were: Notre Dame tackle Brennan Curtin in the sixth round followed by Louisville cornerback Chris Johnson, South Florida receiver/kick returner DeAndrew Rubin, Toledo receiver Carl Ford and Carson-Newman linebacker Steve Josue all in the seventh round.

If the 6-foot-9 Curtin makes the team, he will be the tallest Packer in team history. Johnson, who ran the 40-yard dash in 4.2 seconds, was the fastest player in the draft tested by Packers' scouts.

Rubin could solve the Packers' return problems from last season, while Ford and Josue could be key special teams players.

The Packers have a history of hitting on second-day selections. Current starters Kabeer



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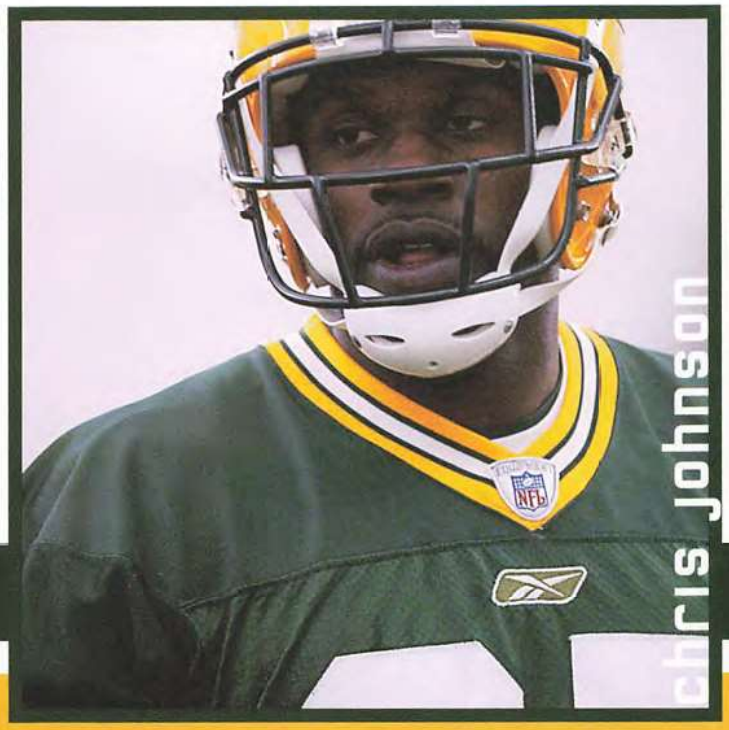
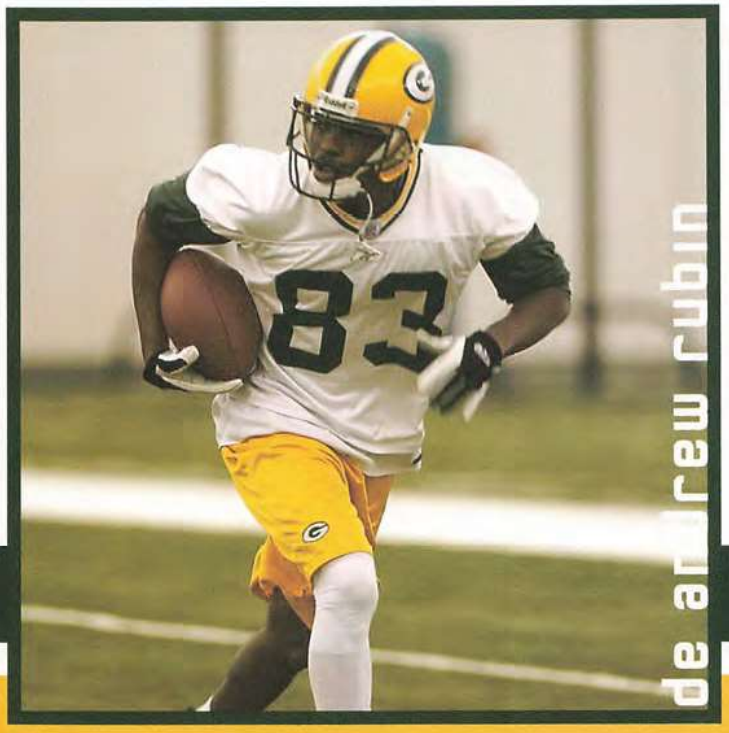




Gbaja-Biamila (fifth round), Mark Tauscher (seventh round) and Donald Driver (seventh round) were all late-round picks.

"You don't survive in the draft without hitting on some late picks," said Mark Hatley, the Packers' vice president of football operations.

But the crown jewel of the draft has to be Barnett, who at No. 29 overall was the first linebacker drafted. He has been penciled in as the starting middle linebacker.

Barnett is a 6-foot-1 and 235-pound football machine. He loves the game–not for the fame and fortune it brings–but for the competition and camaraderie. He's not shy about sharing his feelings.

"Football is all I've ever wanted to do," Barnett said. "I play hard. That's just the way I was brought up. Don't ever try and do something unless you're going to do it full speed."

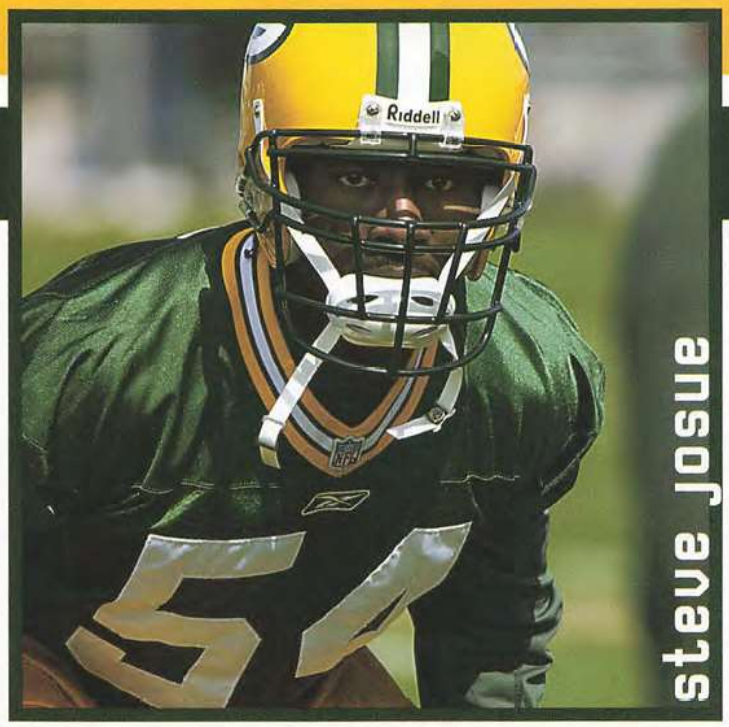
At Oregon State, where he was a first-team all Pac-10 pick as a senior, Barnett was known for giving impassioned pre-game speeches and spending hours in the weight room and film room.

"The guy just loves the game of football," said Ron Davis, Oregon State's director of football operations. "He didn't want anyone around who didn't love it as much as he does. He made that kind of attitude contagious. He practices as hard as he plays, and he made everyone around him better."

In Peterson, who Sherman traded up in the third round to pick, the Packers got a Vonnie Holliday-type player who can play almost all of the defensive line positions.

The one thing that was consistent with all of the Packers' defensive picks was speed. From Barnett to Hillenmeyer and Peterson to Lee, the Packers got faster.

"You certainly have to be strong enough and stout enough," said first-year linebackers coach Mark Duffner, "but the teams that have the great speed generally have strong defenses. That's how we're trying to build our defense."



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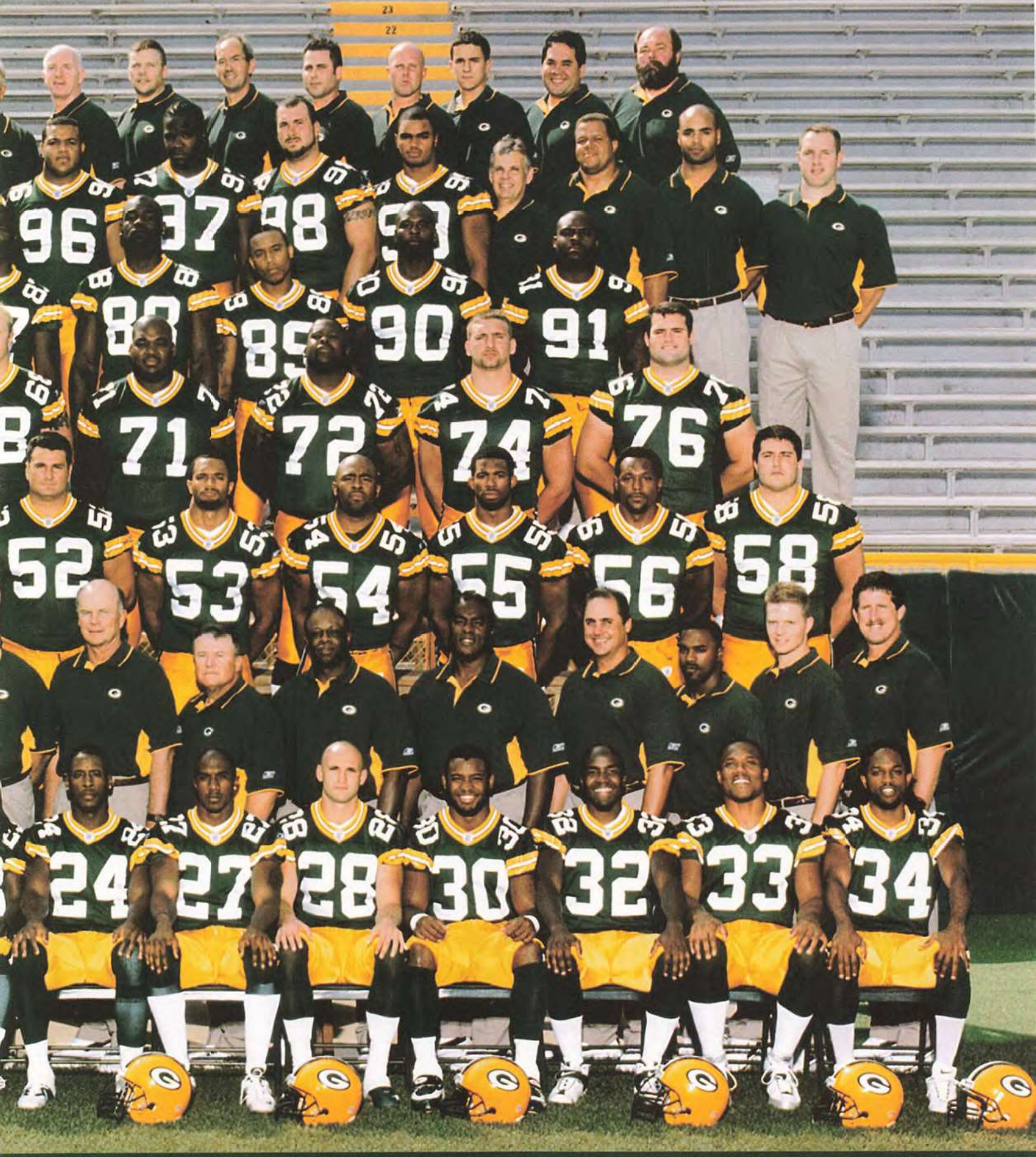

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	NFL Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown
20	Anderson, Marques	S	5-11	212	5/26/79	2	UCLA	Long Beach, Calif.
85	Bailey, Karsten	WR	6-0	205	4/26/77	4	Auburn	Sharpsburg, Ga.
56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	240	5/27/81	R	Oregon State	Fontana, Calif.
71	Barry, Kevin	T	6-4	330	7/20/79	2	Arizona	Racine, Wis.
9	Bidwell, Josh	P	6-3	220	3/13/76	4	Oregon	Winston, Ore.
70	Brandt, David	C/G	6-4	300	9/25/77	2	Michigan	Jenison, Mich.
93	Brown, Gilbert	DT	6-2	340	2/22/71	10	Kansas	Detroit, Mich.
27	Burnell, Keith	CB	5-11	205	1/8/79	R	Delaware	Chesapeake, Va.
2	Chatman, Antonio	WR/KR	5-9	177	2/12/79	1	Cincinnati	Los Angeles, Calif.
76	Clifton, Chad	T	6-5	330	6/26/76	4	Tennessee	Martin, Tenn.
75	Coleman, Reggie	T	6-5	310	11/4/78	2	Tennessee	Jonesboro, Ark.
39	Collins, Tommy	FB	6-3	252	9/18/80	R	Connecticut	Jacksonville, Fla.
45	Combs, Derek	CB	6-0	185	2/28/79	1	Ohio State	Urbancrest, Ohio
7	Crouch, Eric	QB	6-0	203	11/16/78	1	Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.
28*	Cumby, Quentus	S/CB	6-1	216	4/25/80	R	Kentucky	Cleburne, Texas
69	Curtin, Brennan	T	6-9	315	6/30/80	R	Notre Dame	Palm Beach, Fla.
44	Davenport, Najeh	RB	6-1	245	2/8/79	2	Miami (Fla.)	Miami, Fla.
60	Davis, Rob	LS	6-3	284	12/10/68	8	Shippensburg	Greenbelt, Md.
81	Davis, Tyrone	TE	6-4	265	6/30/72	8	Virginia	Halifax, Va.
59	Diggs, Na'il	LB	6-4	238	7/8/78	4	Ohio State	Los Angeles, Calif.
41	Donald, Tony	LB	6-3	245	6/4/79	1	Western St. (Colo.)	Fountain, Colo.
80	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	188	2/2/75	5	Alcorn State	Houston, Texas
24	Edwards, Antuan	S	6-1	212	5/26/77	5	Clemson	Starkville, Miss.
4	Favre, Brett	QB	6-2	225	10/10/69	13	S. Mississippi	Kiln, Miss.
89	Ferguson, Robert	WR	6-1	209	12/17/79	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas
63	Ferrario, Bill	G/C	6-2	315	9/22/78	3	Wisconsin	Scranton, Pa.
40	Fisher, Tony	RB	6-1	222	10/12/79	2	Notre Dame	Euclid, Ohio
58	Flanagan, Mike	C	6-5	297	11/10/73	8	UCLA	Sacramento, Calif.
86	Ford, Carl	WR/KR	6-0	179	10/8/80	R	Toledo	Monroe, Mich.
88	Franks, Bubba	TE	6-6	263	1/6/78	4	Miami (Fla.)	Big Spring, Texas
94	Gbaja-Biamila, Kabeer	DE	6-4	255	9/24/77	4	San Diego State	Los Angeles, Calif.
30	Green, Ahman	RB	6-0	217	2/16/77	6	Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	185	12/7/74	6	TX A&M-Kingsville	Pompano Beach, FL
19	Heckenback, Jörg	WR/LS	6-3	207	11/28/74	1	Braunschweig Lions	Braunschweig, Grmny
33	Henderson, William	FB	6-1	249	2/19/71	9	North Carolina	Chester, Va.
57	Hillenmeyer, Hunter	LB	6-4	238	10/28/80	R	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.
97	Hunt, Cletidus	DT	6-4	305	1/2/76	5	Kentucky State	Memphis, Tenn.
29	Jackson, Bobby	S	6-0	214	10/3/79	1	Illinois	Corvallis, Ore.
75	Jenkins, Cullen	DE/DT	6-3	292	1/20/81	R	Central Michigan	Belleville, Mich.
37	Johnson, Chris	CB	5-11	195	9/25/79	R	Louisville	Longview, Texas
91	Johnson, Joe	DE	6-4	275	7/11/72	10	Louisville	St. Louis, Mo.
54	Josue, Steve	LB	6-2	222	4/5/80	R	Carson-Newman	Miami, Fla.
21	Jue, Bhawoh	CB/S	6-0	200	5/24/79	3	Penn State	Chantilly, Va.
74	Kampman, Aaron	DE	6-4	286	11/30/79	2	Iowa	Parkersburg, Iowa
47	Keys, Isaac	LB	6-3	245	6/6/78	2	Morehouse	Florissant, Mo.
49	Knapp, Joey	TE	6-4	248	2/7/80	1	Texas-El Paso	Ft. Worth, Texas
64	Lee, James	DT	6-5	325	3/12/80	R	Oregon State	Salem, Ore.
53	Lenon, Paris	LB	6-2	240	11/26/77	2	Richmond	Lynchburg, Va.
82	Lewis, Devin	WR	6-2	210	7/22/79	1	Southern	New Orleans, La.
8	Longwell, Ryan	K	6-0	199	8/16/74	7	California	Bend, Ore.
22	Luchey, Nick	FB	6-2	270	3/30/77	5	Miami (Fla.)	Farmington Hills, MI
51	Marshall, Torrance	LB	6-2	255	6/12/77	3	Oklahoma	Miami, Fla.
87	Martin, David	TE	6-4	260	3/13/79	3	Tennessee	Norfolk, Va.
12	McDonald, Brian	WR	5-9	178	2/21/77	1	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
34	McKenzie, Mike	CB	6-0	194	4/26/76	5	Memphis	Miami, Fla.
6	Morgan, Tim	P	6-5	243	4/27/77	1	San Jose State	Vallejo, Calif.
16	Nall, Craig	QB	6-3	230	4/21/79	2	Northwestern (La.)	St. Alexandria, La.
50	Navies, Hannibal	LB	6-3	247	7/19/77	5	Colorado	Berkeley, Calif.
90	Nwokorie, Chukie	DE	6-3	288	7/10/75	5	Purdue	Lafayette, Ind.
48	Orr, Shantee	LB	6-0	251	5/28/81	R	Michigan	Detroit, Mich.
18	Pederson, Doug	QB	6-3	220	1/31/68	11	NE Louisiana	Ferndale, Wash.
98	Peterson, Kenny	DT/DE	6-3	300	11/21/78	R	Ohio State	Canton, Ohio
46	Petty, Jermaine	DE	6-2	255	2/1/78	1	Arkansas	Inman, S.C.
13	Pochman, Owen	K	6-0	180	8/2/77	3	Brigham Young	Mercer Island, Wash.
73	Porter, David	G/T	6-6	311	2/23/80	R	Iowa	Belleville, Ill.
61*	Powell, Eric	DE	6-3	268	11/16/79	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.
99	Reynolds, Jamal	DE	6-3	260	2/20/79	3	Florida State	Aiken, S.C.
62	Rivera, Marco	G	6-4	310	4/26/72	8	Penn State	Elmont, N.Y.
83	Rubin, DeAndrew	WR/KR	5-11	180	10/8/78	R	South Florida	St. Petersburg, Fla.
67	Ruegamer, Grey	G/C	6-4	310	6/11/76	5	Arizona State	Las Vegas, Nev.
78	Sands, Terdell	DT	6-7	337	10/31/79	1	TN-Chattanooga	Chattanooga, Tenn.
17	Scott, Gari	WR/KR	6-0	200	6/2/78	3	Michigan State	Riviera Beach, Fla.
42	Sharper, Darren	S	6-2	210	11/3/75	7	William & Mary	Richmond, Va.
23	Shepherd, Jacoby	S/CB	6-2	204	8/31/79	3	Oklahoma State	Lufkin, Texas
11	Smith, Akili	QB	6-3	220	8/21/75	5	Oregon	San Diego, Calif.
61*	Smith, Brian	LS	6-1	278	8/9/80	1	Hawaii	Thousand Oaks, CA
25	Smith, Lamar	RB	5-11	230	11/29/70	10	Houston	Fort Wayne, Ind.
72	Soriano, Jamil	G/T	6-4	310	5/11/81	R	Harvard	Plainville, N.Y.
79	Spriggs, Marcus	G/T	6-3	310	5/30/74	7	Houston	Jackson, Miss.
26	Swiney, Erwin	CB	6-0	192	10/8/78	1	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.
28*	Tate, Adam	RB	6-1	228	5/22/78	1	Utah	Alhambra, Calif.
65	Tauscher, Mark	T	6-4	320	6/17/77	4	Wisconsin	Auburndale, Wis.
38	Unertl, Jeremy	S	6-1	210	9/15/78	1	WI-La Crosse	Lomira, Wis.
68	Wahle, Mike	G	6-6	307	3/29/77	6	Navy	Lake Arrowhead, CA
84	Walker, Javon	WR	6-3	220	10/14/78	2	Florida State	Lafayette, La.
95	Walker, Rod	DT	6-3	320	2/4/76	3	Troy State	Milton, Fla.
96	Warren, Steve	DT	6-1	302	1/22/78	4	Nebraska	Springfield, Mo.
32	Westbrook, Bryant	CB	6-0	205	12/19/74	7	Texas	Oceanside, Calif.
35	Westbrooks, Jerry	FB	6-2	240	8/27/77	1	Ohio State	Boca Raton, Fla.
43	White, Reggie	RB	6-0	223	7/11/79	2	Oklahoma State	Liberty, Texas
55	Wilkins, Marcus	LB	6-2	235	1/2/80	2	Texas	Austin, Texas
52	Winters, Frank	C	6-3	305	1/23/64	17	Western Illinois	Union City, N.J.
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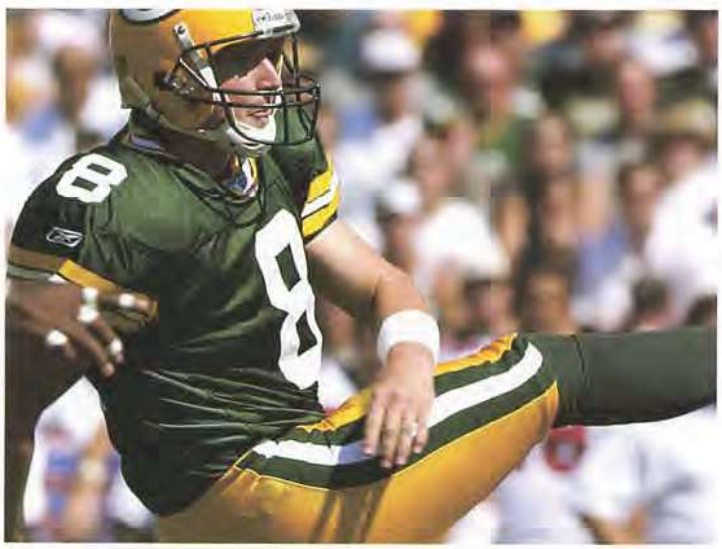

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Year	Record	Draft (35)	Trades (6)	Free Agents (45)
1992	9-7-0		QB Brett Favre (Atl)	
1995	11-5-0	FB William Henderson D3b		
1996	13-3-0	C Mike Flanagan D3a G Marco Rivera D6		
1997	13-3-0	S Darren Sharper D2		LS Rob Davis
1998	11-5-0	G/T Mike Wahle SD2		
1999	8-8-0	CB/S Antuan Edwards D1 CB Mike McKenzie D3a DT Cletidus Hunt D3b P Josh Bidwell D4b WR Donald Driver D7b		
2000	9-7-0	TE Bubba Franks D1 T Chad Clifton D2 DT Steve Warren D3 LB Na'il Diggs D4a T Mark Tauscher D7a	RB Ahman Green (Sea)	DE Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (D5a-00)
2001	12-4-0	DE Jamal Reynolds D1 WR Robert Ferguson D2 CB Bhawoh Jue D3a LB Torrance Marshall D3b G Bill Ferrario D4 TE David Martin D6	DT Rod Walker (Ten)	QB Doug Pederson
2002	12-4-0	WR Javon Walker D1 S Marques Anderson D3 FB Najeh Davenport D4 DE/DT Aaron Kampman D5a QB Craig Nall D5b		WR Karsten Bailey G Kevin Barry TE Tyrone Davis (FA 97) RB Tony Fisher DE Joe Johnson (UFA) LB Paris Lenon CB Jacoby Shepherd CB Erwin Swiney CB Bryant Westbrook LB Marcus Wilkins
2003		LB Nick Barnett D1 DT Kenny Peterson D3 DT James Lee D5a LB Hunter Hillenmeyer D5b T Brennan Curtin D6 CB Chris Johnson D7a WR/KR DeAndrew Rubin D7b WR Carl Ford D7c LB Steve Josue D7d	C/G David Brandt (Was) CB Derek Combs (KC) CB Al Harris (Phi)	CB Keith Burnell WR/KR Antonio Chatman FB Tommy Collins S/CB Quentus Cumby LB Tony Donald S Bobby Jackson DE/DT Cullen Jenkins LB Isaac Keys TE Joey Knapp WR Devin Lewis FB Nick Luchey (UFA) WR/LS Yörg Heckenback WR Brian McDonald P Tim Morgan LB Hannibal Navies (UFA) DE Chukie Nwokorie (UFA) LB Shantee Orr DE Jermaine Petty G/T David Porter DE Eric Powell G/C Grey Ruegamer (UFA) DT Terdell Sands WR/KR Gari Scott QB Akili Smith LS Brian Smith RB Lamar Smith G/T Jamil Soriano G/T Marcus Spriggs RB Adam Tate S Jeremy Unterti FB Jerry Westbrooks RB Reggie White C Frank Winters (PB 92)

Waivers (5)
DT Gilbert Brown (from MN), 1993; T Reggie Coleman (from CIN), 2003; QB Eric Crouch (from SL), 2003; K Ryan Longwell (from SF), 1997; T Jerry Wisne (from SL), 2002

Coach's right-hand man...

BRUCE WARWICK

anticipates Mike Sherman's needs

By Todd Korth
Packer Report

Never too far from Mike Sherman's shadow is Bruce Warwick, Sherman's assistant and director of football administration. Whether it is on the sideline during a game, at practice, or in meetings, Warwick is there like "Radar" O'Reilly to Col. Henry Blake.

Like O'Reilly, Warwick is expected to anticipate Sherman's needs as he organizes all aspects of the team and coaching staff's daily operations.

"If we're in the draft, I'm working on training camp," said Warwick. "If we're in training camp, I'm working on stuff for the season. If we're in the season, I'm working on stuff for the draft."

If Sherman makes a change in a practice schedule, Warwick is responsible for informing the staff of coaches and their assistants so everybody is on the same page. During games, he keeps Sherman abreast of situations involving penalties. He also keeps detailed notes, like the number of times that Ahman Green has touched the ball, or the offense's run/pass ratio. "He's very talented," said Sherman. "I've never been around anybody that has the organizational skills that he has. He is ultra-organized. He's a liaison to the staff for me at times. He helps me do my job. You are only as good as the people you surround yourself by and I surrounded myself by a good guy there. He's very trustworthy and loyal. That's a big part of it as well."

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Warwick, 36, was employed by three universities in football administration–Syracuse, Maryland and Clemson–before landing a job in the National Football League office in New York as director of football operations for NFL Europe in early 2000. As Sherman was putting the final touches on his new staff, offensive coordinator Tom Rossley recommended Warwick as the Packers' director of football administration.

Despite having served in his new position with the NFL for less than a month, Warwick met with Sherman and Rossley at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis and subsequently signed a contract with the Packers. In the process, Warwick traded the fast-paced lifestyle of New York City for the Midwest and Green Bay, where he had never been before.

Aside from the geographic adjustments, Warwick in the past three years has learned a lot in the transition from the collegiate ranks to the pros.

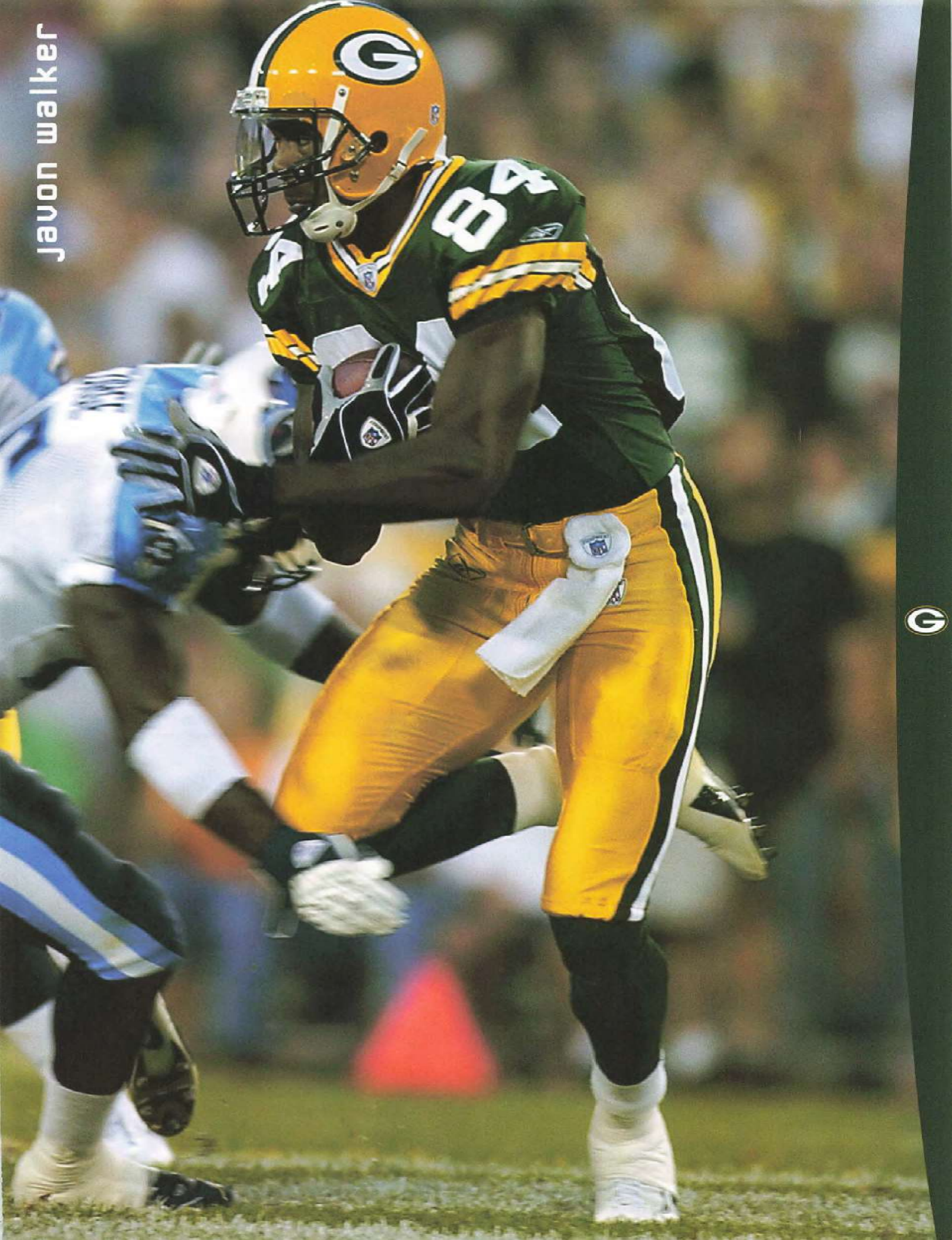
"There's no recruiting involved, which is the majority of things that I did in college," Warwick said. "I organized recruiting. I understand the game of football better here than I did at Syracuse. Coach Sherman has allowed me a lot of opportunities to grow, do research, be at every meeting. I understand the game of football more so."

Warwick says he would like to remain in the NFL and hopes to become a general manager for a team. Fortunately, he is learning under one of the better coach/general managers in the game.

"I'd like to grow more in the area of personnel evaluation," Warwick said. "It's a little bit different evaluating a high school tape on a kid that you might give a scholarship to as opposed to somebody you may draft and pay a lot of money to. It's more defined here, and it's more of a guess with kids coming out of high school where you have poor quality tape and you are trying to recruit the masses. It's a little bit more scientific, even though it still is a guess in the NFL than it is in college."

Warwick was an insurance auditor in New York before earning a master's degree in sports management from the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Alabama. In 1991, he began as an administrative assistant/assistant recruiting coordinator at Syracuse University. He then was employed as assistant athletic director for football management at the University of Maryland in 1992 and '93 where he worked with Packers linebackers coach Mark Duffner, who was Maryland's head coach at the time. Warwick worked the same job at Clemson University in 1994 and '95 before returning to Syracuse as director of football operations from 1996-99. In that time, Warwick's attention to detail enabled him to progress up the ladder.

"I knew I needed someone who was very organized and paid attention to detail," Sherman recalled. "Everybody had glowing recommendations of him. When I was asking around for possible guys his name kept coming up."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LEE REMMEL

For The Ages

By Peter Jackel
Racine Journal Times

He boarded a Milwaukee Road train from Green Bay to Milwaukee the morning of October 7, 1945, just a wide-eyed 21-year-old city reporter who had conned his way into covering a Packers game.

Writing stuffy stories for the city beat was putting food on Lee Remmel's table, but it was hardly stirring the true passion within him. Remmel's passion was the Packers of Curly Lambeau and Don Hutson and how he longed for the day during this pre-television era when he could witness his heroes in action.

Ray Pagel, the Green Bay Press Gazette's editor in those days, finally relented. Provided Remmel could come up with his own press credential for that Sunday's game between the Packers and Detroit Lions at Milwaukee's State Fair Park, he would allow the kid to finally scratch that persistent itch of his.

Fate must have been stirring in those cool autumn winds that day. Settling among the 20,463 fans in the State Fair Park bleachers with his fiancee, he was never able to scare up a press credential–Remmel focused intently on the defending NFL champion Packers warming up on that luscious green field.

Within the next three hours, Remmel would witness the Packers score 41 points in the second quarter, an NFL record for most points in a quarter that still stands. The great Hutson set another NFL record that has withstood the test of time during that quarter by scoring 29 points.

"I really lucked out," Remmel recalled of that afternoon. "It was an historic game. How much better can you have it?"

More than a half century and some 500 Packers games later, with lines deepening in his face and gray giving way to white, Remmel can ask himself that same question. What a run it has been for this genial, light-hearted man, he of the graceful prose, ready wit and world-wide web of Packers history stored within a sharp mind.

As a beat reporter for the Press-Gazette from 1946 through 1973, Remmel's eyes witnessed the last days of Lambeau's 30-year reign as coach of the team he founded, the dark years of the 1950s and the renaissance brought about by a man named Lombardi.

When former Packers coach Dan Devine enticed Remmel to join the team's public relations staff in 1974 after almost 30 years with the Press-Gazette, Remmel started a second career and his eyes went on to see so much more. As Bart Starr, Forrest Gregg and Lindy Infante ushered in waves of false hope for despondent Packers fans during their respective coaching tenures, sometimes it was Remmel who seemed to bring the most passion to this team with his distinctive writing and relentless optimism.

And then came a second renaissance ushered in by Ron Wolf, Mike Holmgren and Brett Favre during the 1990s and Remmel embraced a whole new era once again.

He reached his 79th birthday last June, but this native of Shawano is still emotionally that awe-struck young man who took a Milwaukee Road train to State Fair Park more than a half century ago. He still works 70-hour weeks during the season as the Packers' executive director of public relations with no plans of retiring ("retire to what?" he jokingly asks.) He effortlessly snaps off crisp press releases, writes features for Packers publications, oversees press conferences and takes countless phone calls from reporters and authors seeking his expertise, among numerous other responsibilities.

And at an age when so many others might feel compelled to go through the motions, he still writes with so much emotion after all these years. Even for those routine press releases that other teams word as eloquently as a parking ticket, Remmel treats his computer screen as a canvas and his keyboard as a palette of paints.

"I think one of the things about him is he's really a great writer," said 86-year-old Art Daley, who covered the Packers with Remmel at the Press-Gazette for more than 30 years. "He has a vocabulary you wouldn't believe. He taught me words that I didn't even know because of the stuff he used to write. It was really amazing.

"He's just a hard-working guy and very good in his field. He's got a hell of a good sense of humor and he's always upbeat. I've never really seen him down, so to speak."

Anyone with this much to offer is too valuable to retire and Remmel has no plans to do so. As long as Remmel's health remains reasonably sound, count on him to continue firing off those press releases. Count on the man who once described the on-field exploits of Hutson to do the same thing with the Packers' next first-round draft choice. And count on him to herald for reporters the end of another post-game press conference by Packers coach Mike Sherman with the words, "Will that do it? Thank you, coach. Thank you very much." And thank you, Lee Remmel. Thank you very much.

He's primed...

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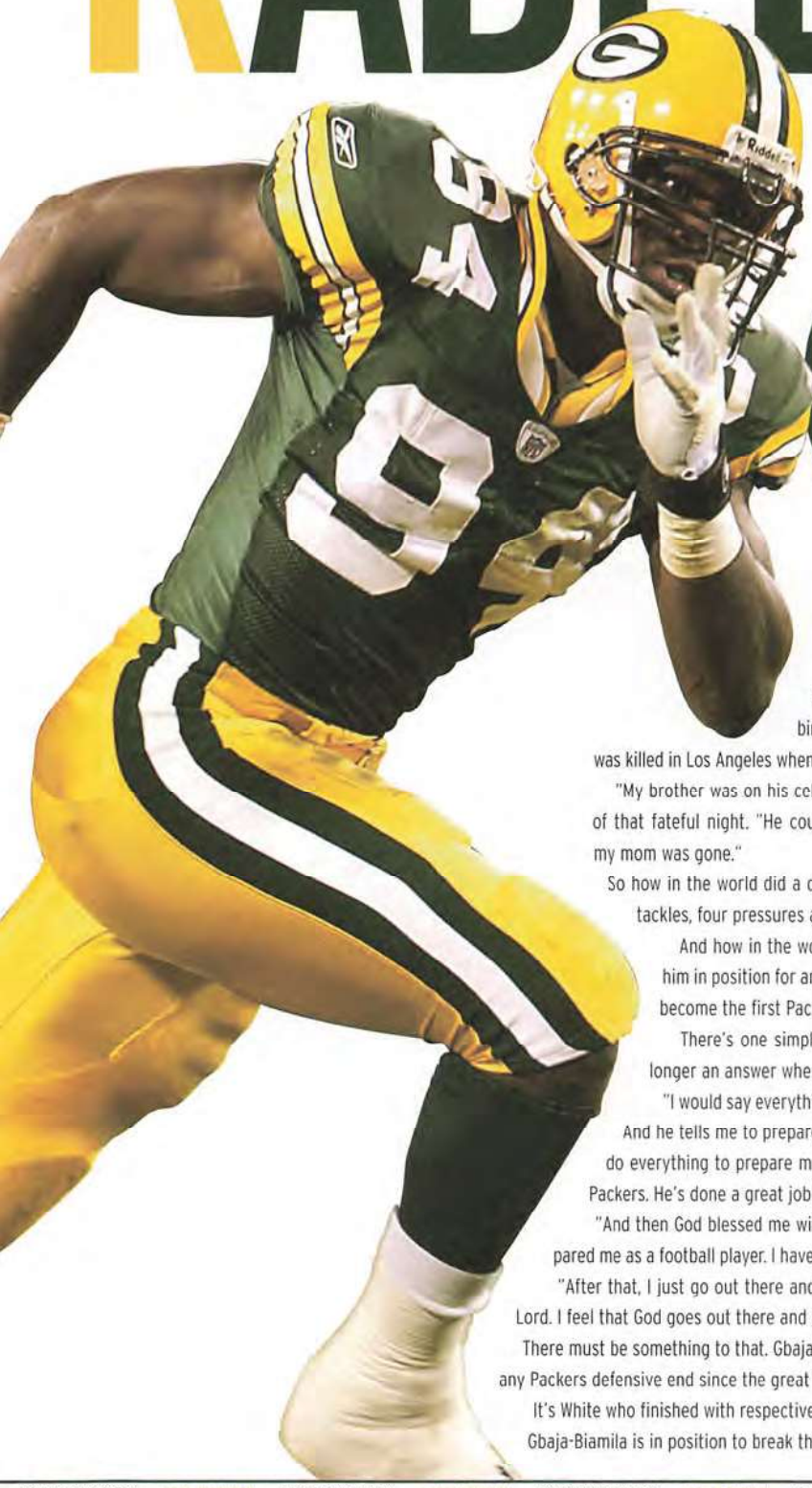

By Peter Jackel
Racine Journal Times

Calling her phone number for a reason he simply couldn't explain, a resigned Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila would hear a persistent ringing that he knew wouldn't stop.

Still, Gbaja-Biamila would impulsively speed dial her number on his cell phone at odd times. As he dressed for practice. After he emerged from a shower. As he walked through the parking lot to his car.

If only his beloved mother, Tito Anjorin Gbaja-Biamila, could have answered.

"I would try to call her on her cell phone, knowing that she wasn't going to answer the phone," Gbaja-Biamila said. "That's how it was. It was like natural for me to call my mom all the time."

It was last December 1, a few hours after Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila helped the Green Bay Packers beat the Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field and 10 hours after his wife, Eileen, had given birth to the couple's first child when fate intervened so tragically. Tito Anjorin Gbaja-Biamila, 53, was killed in Los Angeles when her car went out of control and struck a palm tree. She would never see her grandson.

"My brother was on his cell phone and, as he was driving to the scene, he broke down to me," Gbaja-Biamila recalls of that fateful night. "He couldn't even talk to me. He had to give the phone to a friend and she basically told me my mom was gone."

So how in the world did a devastated Gbaja-Biamila compose himself enough just seven days later to contribute six tackles, four pressures and a crucial sack in a thrilling 26-22 victory over the Minnesota Vikings?

And how in the world did Gbaja-Biamila continue to play so well en route to finishing with 12 sacks, putting him in position for an historical achievement? If Gbaja-Biamila finishes with 10 or more sacks this season, he will become the first Packer to compile double-digit sack totals in three consecutive years.

There's one simple reason the man affectionately known as "KGB" is in this position. While there was no longer an answer whenever he called his late mother, there's always an answer when he calls upon his Lord.

"I would say everything starts with my Lord and savior, Jesus Christ," Gbaja-Biamila said. "That's where it starts. And he tells me to prepare myself for battle but the victory belongs to the Lord. When I came to know that, I had to do everything to prepare myself to be used by God. I go to Barry Rubin, my strength coach here with the Green Bay Packers. He's done a great job to get me in shape, to get me chiseled up, to get me conditioned."

"And then God blessed me with (defensive line coach) Jethro Franklin to get me ready on the football field. He has prepared me as a football player. I haven't done anything special. I've just listened to these guys. They're the ones who helped me."

"After that, I just go out there and play and I really do believe that after I prepare myself for battle, victory belongs to the Lord. I feel that God goes out there and plays for me. I just have to be in the right place at the right time."

There must be something to that. Gbaja-Biamila has been finding himself in the right place at the right time more frequently than any Packers defensive end since the great Reggie White left Green Bay following the 1998 season.

It's White who finished with respective sack totals of 11 and 16 during his last two seasons in Green Bay. And it's that team record Gbaja-Biamila is in position to break this season.

JA-BIAMILA

to break Reggie White's record

"WITH GOD ON MY SIDE, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT,"

Just how badly does "KGB" want that record? "OK, here's two sides of the story," he said. "I would love to break that record, but at the same time, it doesn't matter. Do you know what I'm saying? All that matters is that I'm walking in the way of the Lord."

"How do I know that me getting those double-digit sacks three years in a row is not going to make me prideful? Only God knows what's best for Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila in the total scheme of things. I would love to, but will God grant me that?"

"I'm just going to keep working hard and doing my best, but I'm not going to be down if I don't do it or whatever. When it's all said and done, I'm going to give all glory to the Lord. I'm going to look at how I started and how I finished. I always tell myself, 'It's not how you start. It's how you finish. God has a master plan."

"If God blesses me and allows me to have the double-digit sacks, I'll be truly happy as always. My cup is running over. I'm going to try my hardest to get double-digit sacks this year, but I may not get it. I can't predict what's going to happen. All I can tell you is I'm going to play my very best and play for the Lord."

And he's also going to be playing for the Packers. After nervous Packers fans read about him testing the market as a restricted free agent during the off-season, Gbaja-Biamila signed a seven-year contract for a reported $37.3 million last April 2.

"It was a situation where I didn't know what would happen, but it all worked out where God directed me back here to Green Bay," Gbaja-Biamila said. "Me personally, I didn't want to leave, but ultimately, I wanted to do what God wanted me to do."

The best of "KGB" is almost certainly yet to come. He won't turn 25 until September 24, meaning his prime years will be spent in a Packers uniform. And with his intense faith, KGB isn't about to start going through the motions now that he's cashing big paychecks.

"With God on my side, the sky's the limit," Gbaja-Biamila said. "All I know is I've been getting better and I know this game better. My whole goal is to maximize my God-given ability. I don't want to leave any stone unturned and say, 'I could have done this.' I want to try everything I can possibly do."

"The reason I try to get better is that I want to be able to say when it's all said and done that I want to give all glory to my Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. That's it."

"I'm going to try my hardest to get double-digit sacks this year, but I may not get it. I can't predict what's going to happen. All I can tell you is I'm going to play my very best and play for the Lord."

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A pair to draw to WALKER & FERGUSON

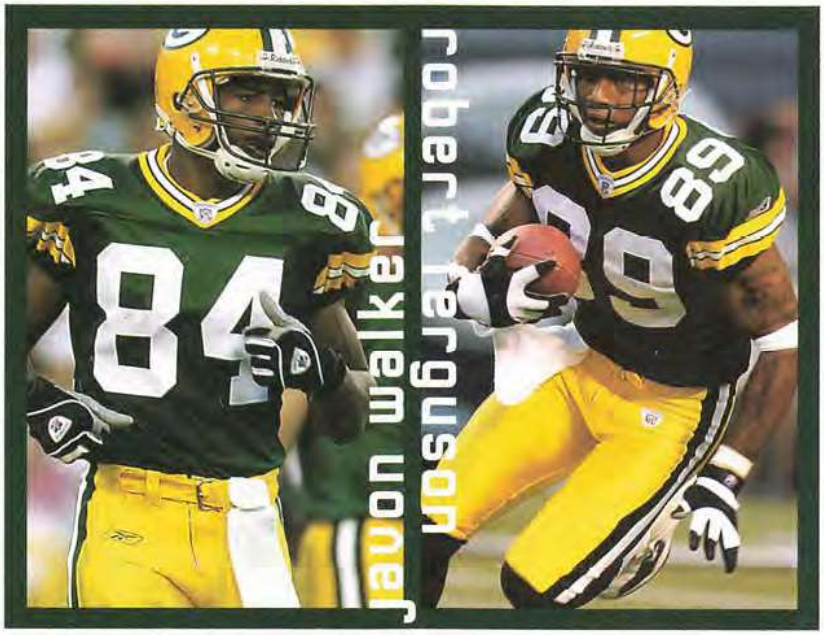
two young wideouts on the rise

By Tim Froberg
Green Bay News-Chronicle

When Tom Rossley says he wants more Donalds around him this season, he's not hoping the Green Bay Packers will bring in Donald Rumsfeld to work with the defense. Nor is he seeking Disneyland-style comic relief from Donald Duck.

What the Packers offensive coordinator wants is more receivers who play with the poise, polish and production of Pro Bowl flanker Donald Driver.

Robert Ferguson and Javon Walker, two young wideouts on the rise, are the players that Rossley and head coach-general manager Mike Sherman have targeted to become more prominent weapons in Brett Favre's arsenal and take some of the pressure off Driver.



"We'd like to have three Donalds this year," said Rossley. "Last year, we weren't as deep in terms of maturity and experience as we needed to be after Donald (Driver) hurt that shoulder. Then, we were down to half a Donald."

"We really look for those two guys (Walker and Ferguson) to take a step up and grow up to where Donald was last year. We need them to become guys the quarterback knows he can go to-guys who can get yardage after the catch."

The Packers opened the door for the two inexperienced but explosive receivers by trading veteran Terry Glenn to Dallas, leaving the starting spot opposite Driver wide open. Ferguson and Walker are clearly the top candidates to fill the spot and the player who doesn't win the starting job, won't be left out in the Wisconsin cold since he will play extensively as Green Bay's third receiver.

"There's definitely a window of opportunity here," said Ferguson, a third-year pro. "Nothing needs to be said. I'm a smart person. I know what's going on and what's expected of me. I've learned a lot the past two years. I know what I'm doing now, what the guy next to me is doing and what the quarterback's progression is. It's a lot simpler for me now."

Walker, a second-year player, expects to be on the receiving end of plenty of Favre bullets, regardless of whether he starts or not. "I know that my role is going to be huge and I'm ready to make an impact," said Walker. "Last year, Robert (Ferguson) and I played a lot. This year, the coaches expect us to be on the field non-stop. We have a Pro Bowl receiver in Donald (Driver) and it's our duty to take some of the pressure off him, because people are going to be gunning for him." The two certainly look the part. Draw up the perfect wide receivers for the Packers' West Coast-style offense and the preliminary sketches would look a lot like Ferguson (6-1, 210) and Walker (6-3, 215). Both are tall, muscular and fast-big bodies built for breaking tackles and withstanding punishment on the crossing patterns that are staples of the offense. Yet, both have the speed to separate from defenders. But as well as Ferguson and Walker fit the system, the Packers won't be satisfied until the two start giving defensive backs fits on a regular basis.

"These are two big, physical young guys who are very good athletes and smart guys, too," said Packers receivers coach Ray Sherman. "They know there is no clear-cut starter there and they're really excited about the opportunity."

Walker and Ferguson posted near-identical numbers last season. Walker, the 20th overall selection in the 2002 draft, caught 23 passes for 319 yards (a 13.9 average) and one touchdown. Ferguson, Green Bay's second-round draft pick in the 2001 draft and the 41st overall choice, had 22 receptions for 293 yards (a 13.3 average) and three touchdowns. The Packers expect those numbers to grow this season, and for the two to turn potential into production. Sure, there will still be some growing pains, but now that Ferguson and Walker are NFL-educated and schooled in the Packer system, they can rely more on their instincts. Consequently, they should play with more confidence and less caution.

"A guy becomes more of an athlete and a playmaker when he has to think less," said Rossley. "I think the abilities in most players come out after that first year. There is so much mentally for a receiver to learn. They're thinking, 'What's my split? What's my depth? What's the coverage?' After awhile, they don't have to think about those things. They can just naturally line up and get down the field."

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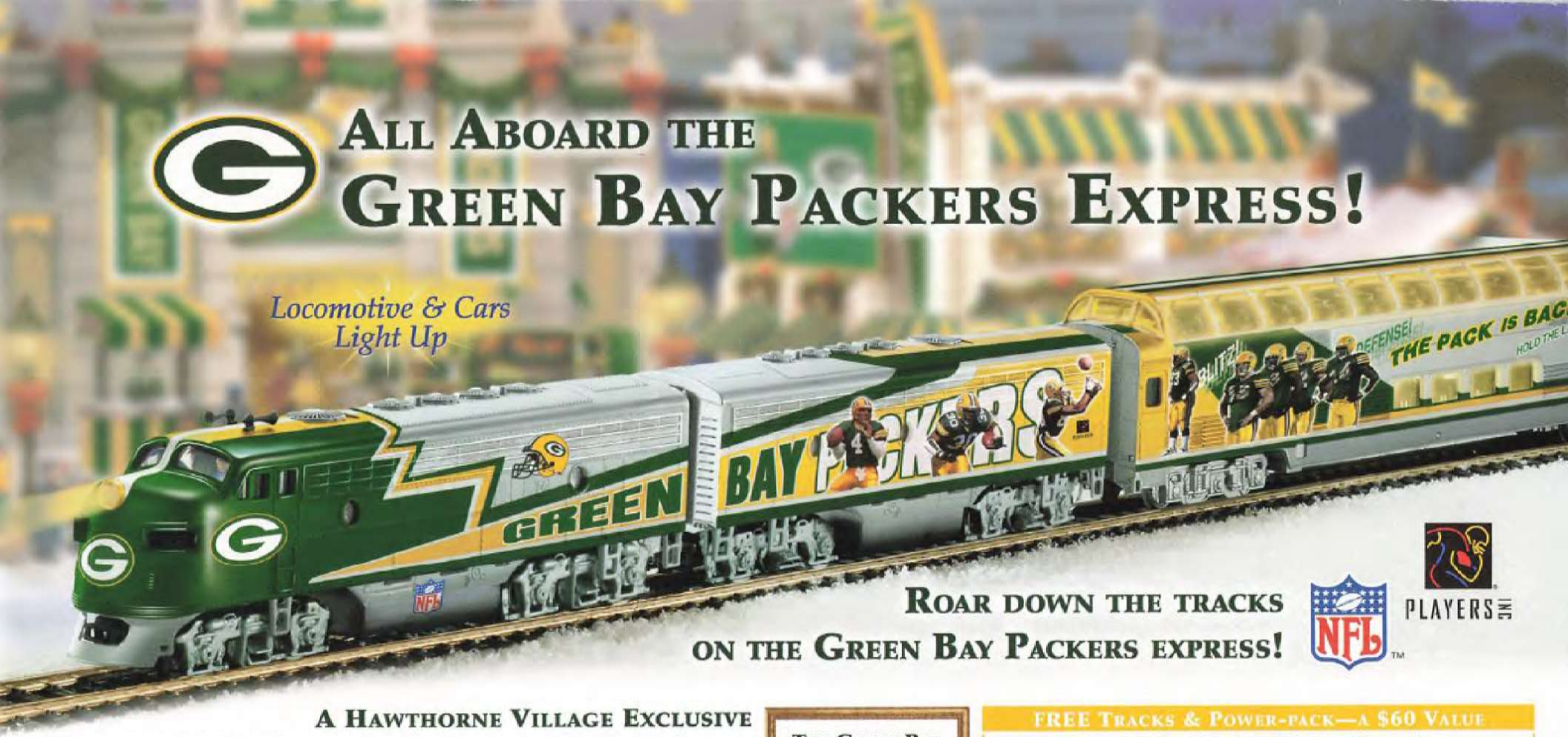

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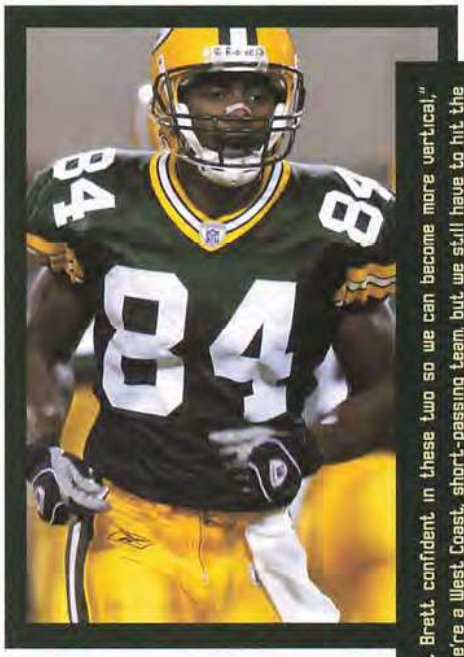
Rossley feels that by playing Ferguson and Walker extensively, the Packers will have a faster, more explosive receiving corps, giving the offense greater capacity to stretch defenses with more downfield throws.

"We want to get Brett confident in these two so we can become more vertical," said Rossley. "We're a West Coast, short-passing team, but we still have to hit the strikes. We'd like to see those two guys step up and become down-the-field guys."

Ferguson and Walker are both expected to play in the 210-220-pound range after adding bulk in the off-season without sacrificing speed. The two were noticeably thicker in the shoulders. arms and legs at the Packer minicamps.

Of the two, Ferguson may have the better chance at a breakout season since he has one more year of NFL experience than Walker. Ferguson seemed lost as a rookie in 2001 when he played in just one game and didn't catch a pass. He made a much stronger impact last season, playing in all 16 games and contributing not only as a receiver, but also on special teams.



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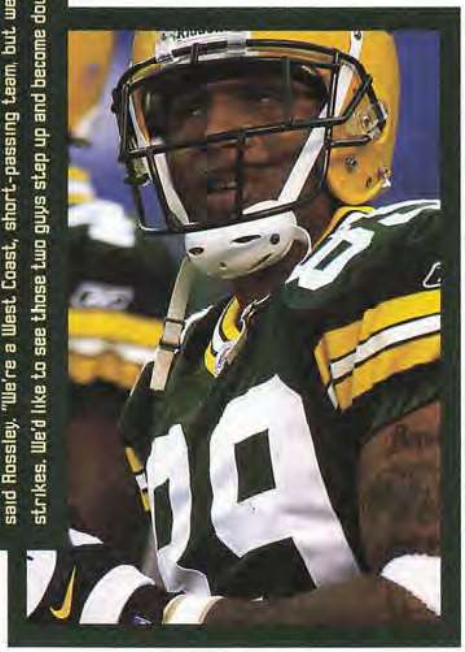


Green Bay's willingness to deal Glenn reflected the organization's faith in Ferguson and Walker, but Ferguson wasn't ready to do a Lambeau Leap when he learned about Glenn's departure.

"Terry (Glenn) was a great player and a great person," said Ferguson. "You don't want to see a teammate leave for whatever reason. I felt like I had an opportunity this year, whether Terry was here or not. And I don't see myself in a race with Javon (Walker). It's between me and the rest of the receivers."

Ferguson's gradual ascent is no surprise, considering that he entered the league as green as Lambeau Field grass. Ferguson played just one year of major college football at Texas A&M and declared for the draft as a junior following two years at Tyler (Texas) Junior College. "You let kids handle what they can handle and eventually the light comes on," said Ray Sherman. "You could see the light come on for Robert last season. He went through some things, but he's overcome them and now he's ready to go. He's a hungry guy. He's been chomping at the bit for awhile now."

Walker is the faster of the two, but Ferguson has good wheels, too, and is the better blocker.

"Robert is the best blocking receiver we have," said Ray Sherman. "He's one of the strongest guys on this team. He is very physical, very tough. He gets after people and that's the attitude we want our receivers to have. Sure, we want pass receivers, but you also need someone who can make a big block and spring your back. And there's no problem with his speed. Robert's speed is deceiving because he's such a smooth runner. If you think he's not running, he'll run right by you."

Walker started fast his rookie season, playing regularly as Green Bay's third receiver and also contributing as the team's primary kick returner. However, he hit the proverbial rookie wall and made fewer plays in the season's second half, while dropping too many passes. He had trouble maintaining weight and lost 15 pounds throughout the course of the year, dropping to just 203 at the season's end.

However, Walker finished the season on a high note in Green Bay's playoff loss to Atlanta, posting career-highs in receptions (five) and receiving yards (105).

"There's no question he hit that wall," said Ray Sherman. "He wasn't as strong as he needed to be at the end of the season and I think he understands now what he needs to do to prepare for the long season we have."

Ray Sherman's eyes light up when he considers Walker's high ceiling. "This kid is a beast," said Sherman, who knows a thing or two about receivers after coaching the likes of Randy Moss and Cris Carter. "You're talking about a big, strong guy who can go up and get the ball and has 4.39 speed. He got more playing time than Fergy did as a rookie, so he's a little ahead of where Fergy was his second year."

Like Ferguson, the enthusiastic Walker is eager for knowledge and spent part of his off-season training in Tempe, Arizona with experienced pros like Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb, Seattle's Shawn Springs, Tampa Bay's Simeon Rice and Arizona's Frank Sanders. Walker added bulk and definition to his body, but did plenty of sprinting and agility work, making sure that his stop-watch speed didn't change.

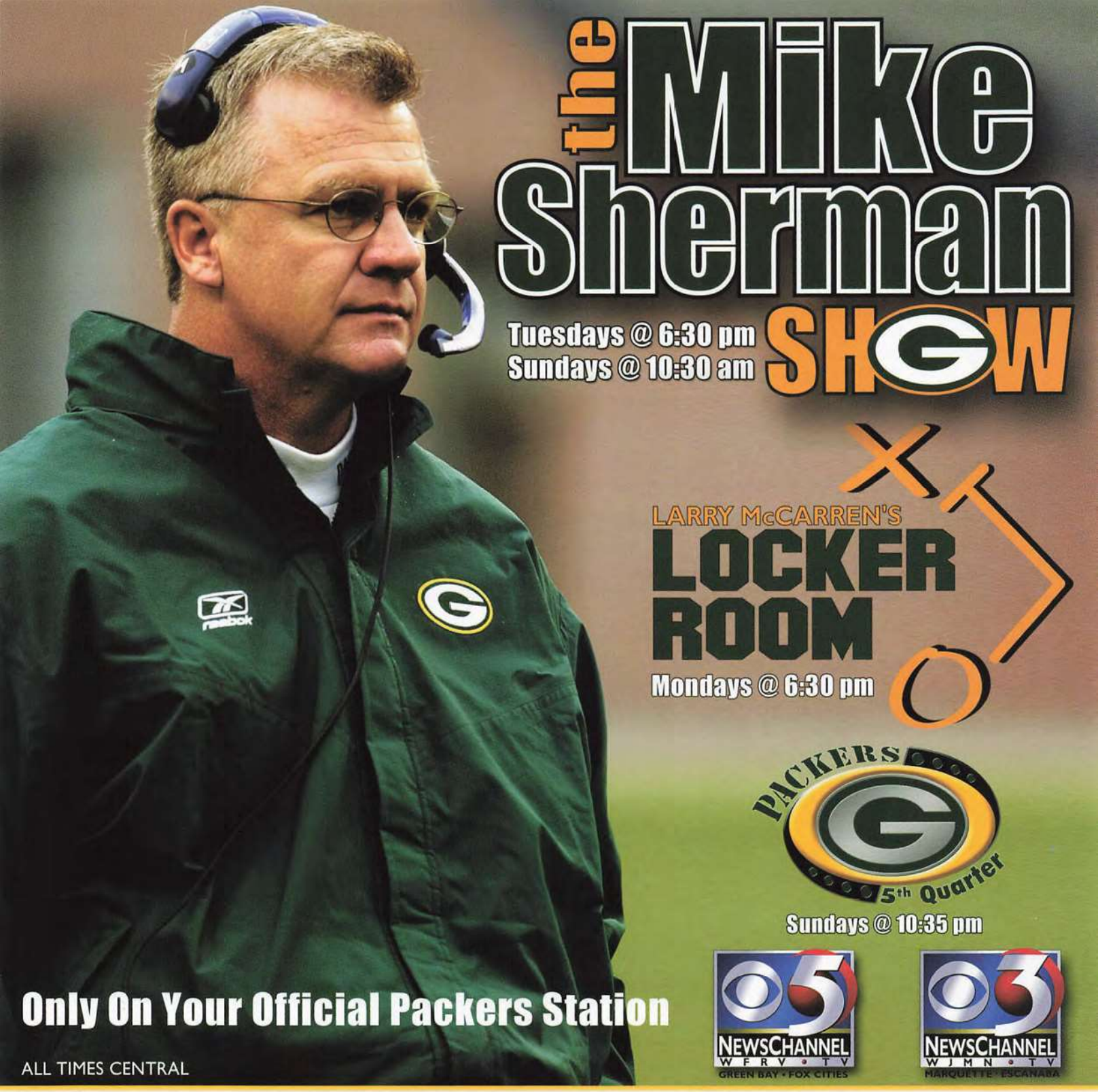
"What I learned the most as a rookie is that this game is all about longevity," said Walker. "If you want to play 10-12 years like I do, you've got to keep your body at a competitive level. The type of workouts I did involved more than just bulking up. You can't just lift, lift, lift because you're going to get slower."

"You have to coordinate your running and lifting where they feed off one another. I know I didn't lose any speed because I always run against the clock and my times didn't change. I have really learned a lot about how to take care of my body...eating the right foods like fish and pasta, and taking the right vitamins."

"I can look at plays from last year where if my legs were a little stronger, I could have maybe broke a tackle and scored. Or, if I was a little stronger in the upper body, I could have got off press coverage and got open. I watched other receivers around the league who were my size like Terrell Owens and saw the success they had. I just feel a lot stronger now and a lot more explosive."

Walker won't make any predictions on what type of numbers he'll put up this season, but expects to pick up right where he left off.

"That playoff game (against Atlanta) is a pretty good starting point for me going into the season," said Walker. "People are going to see a bigger, stronger, more aggressive person knocking people around instead of being knocked around. I think it's going to be a big year for me."



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By virtue of their historic success in professional football, in company with their eight decades of longevity in the National Football League, the Green Bay Packers are in position to reach a major milestone during the 2003 season.

With eight victories, the Green and Gold would become just the second NFL franchise to reach 600 regular season wins, thus joining their neighborhood rivals, the Chicago Bears. The Packers begin the new season with 592 victories over their 82-year NFL history, compared to 468 losses and 36 ties.

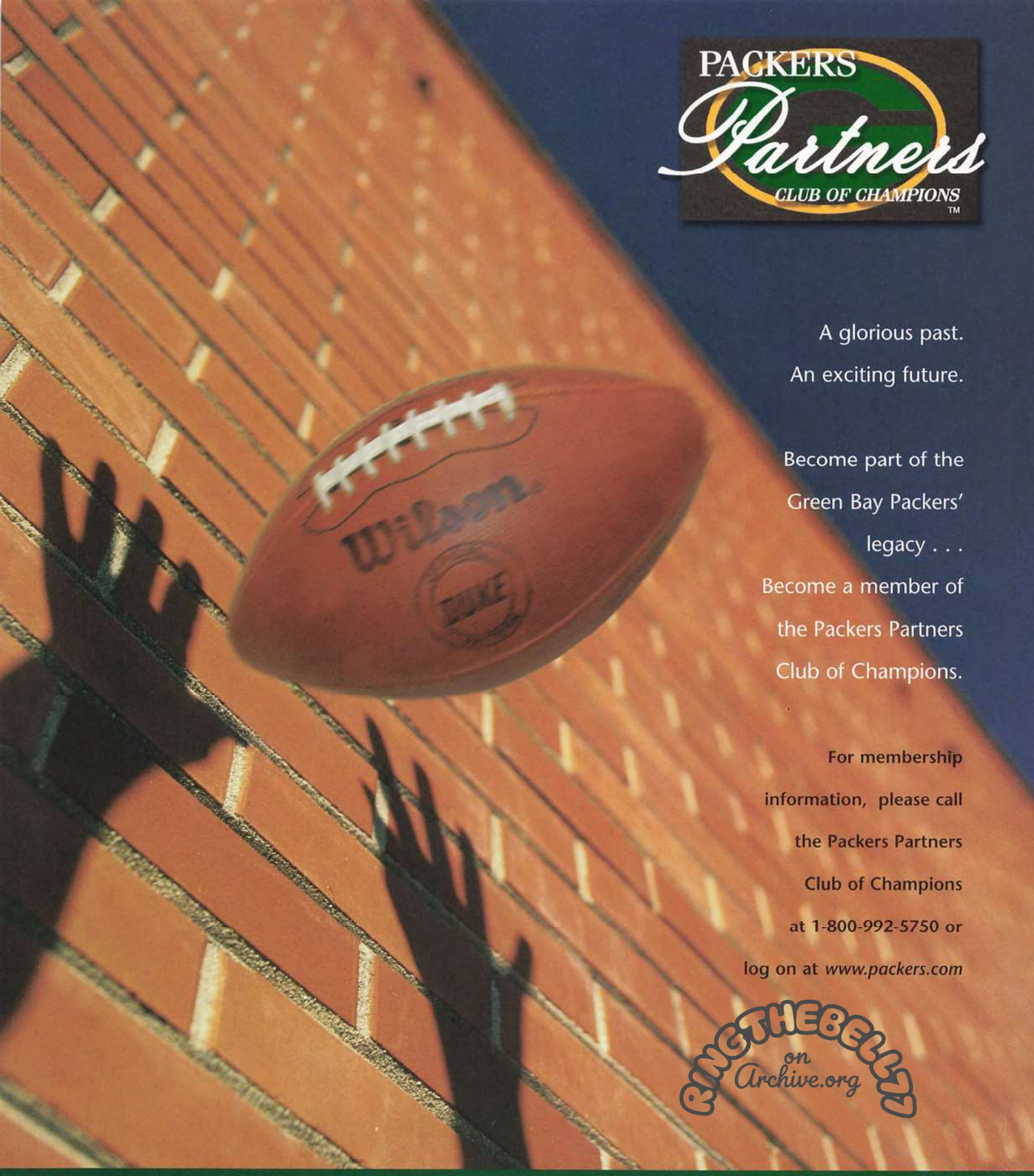
The Bears, who helped launch the-then American Professional Football Conference in 1920—the year before the Packers signed on—enter the '03 season with 634 regular season victories.

To date, only one other NFL franchise has won as many as 500 games, the New York Giants ranking third all-time—25 victories behind the Packers—with 567 wins coming into the new season.

Beyond the Giants, the San Francisco 49ers are the only other club to have won as many as 400 games (425 entering the current season).

Whatever eventuates from the won-lost standpoint, the Packers will reach another milestone in the first month of the regular season. Their fourth game—poetically against the Bears in a Monday night contest at Chicago the night of September 29—will mark Game 1,100 for the franchise.

Entering the 2003 season, only the Monsters of the Midway have played more official NFL games than the Green and Gold, 1130.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REPEAT...it's PACKERS' PRIORITY for 2003

By Lee Remmel
Editorial Director

Repeat...It is the inevitable watchword for the 2003 Green Bay Packers. As defending champions of the division, they are committed to winning a second straight NFC North title, having captured 2002 honors with a second consecutive 12-4 record under GM/Head Coach Mike Sherman.

The Green and Gold thus are in a position to win back-to-back division championships for the first time since the mid-1990s, when they captured three straight titles (1995-96-97) in the former NFC Central Division, compiling a glittering 37-11 record over that span.

The task, however, is likely to be more demanding than it was a year ago, when the Packers essentially left the competition at the gate, streaking to an 8-1 getaway en route to finishing 6 games ahead of the second-place Minnesota Vikings (6-10) and 8 games in the van of their immemorial enemies, the Chicago Bears (4-12).

With "home run" threat Michael Bennett having matured into a 1,000-yard rusher (he amassed 1,296 yards last season) to complement Minnesota's highly mobile quarterback, Daunte Culpepper, the Vikings figure to be substantially more competitive this time around under their second-year head coach, Mike Tice, who now appears to have his program fully in place.

The Purple Gang also have presumably helped themselves with the addition of cornerback Denard Walker, previously a six-year starter for Denver and Tennessee, and offensive tackle Mike Rosenthal, late of the New York Giants.

The Bears, who descended to a 4-12 record last season after sweeping to the NFC Central Division championship in '01 with a 13-3 mark, also are likely to once again be a significant factor in the division. Hampered throughout the '02 campaign because starting quarterback Jim Miller frequently was sidelined by injury, they have fortified the position by acquiring former Steelers starter Kordell Stewart, expected to add dimension and variety to the Midway Monsters' offense as their new starter.

The other members of the division, the Detroit Lions, could emerge as the NFC North's most improved team. They measurably enhanced that possibility upon hiring Steve Mariucci, a proven winner, as their head coach–an offensive "mind" who also should help the gifted Joey Harrington become one of the premier quarterbacks in the game. The Lions likewise have bolstered their defense with the addition of two-time Super Bowl cornerback Dre' Bly and free agent linebackers Earl Holmes, a former Cleveland Brown, and Wally Rainer, a former Jacksonville Jaguar.

As has been the been the perennial case for the past decade, the Packers once again will be counting upon their "Hall of Fame" quarterback, Brett Favre, to lead them into the division penthouse–as he has done four times in the last eight seasons, three times earning NFL "Most Valuable Player" honors in the process.

Number 4, in turn, will be welcoming the contributions of Ahman Green, a 1,000-yard rusher each of the past three seasons and only the third player in the Packers' 83-year NFL history to pull off such a "trifecta," and passrusher extraordinaire Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, harvester of a dozen quarterback sacks in '02.

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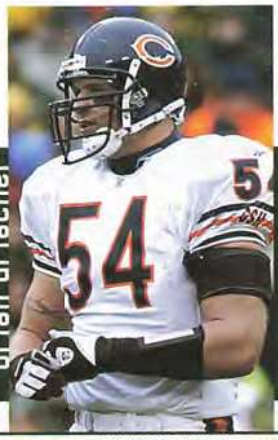
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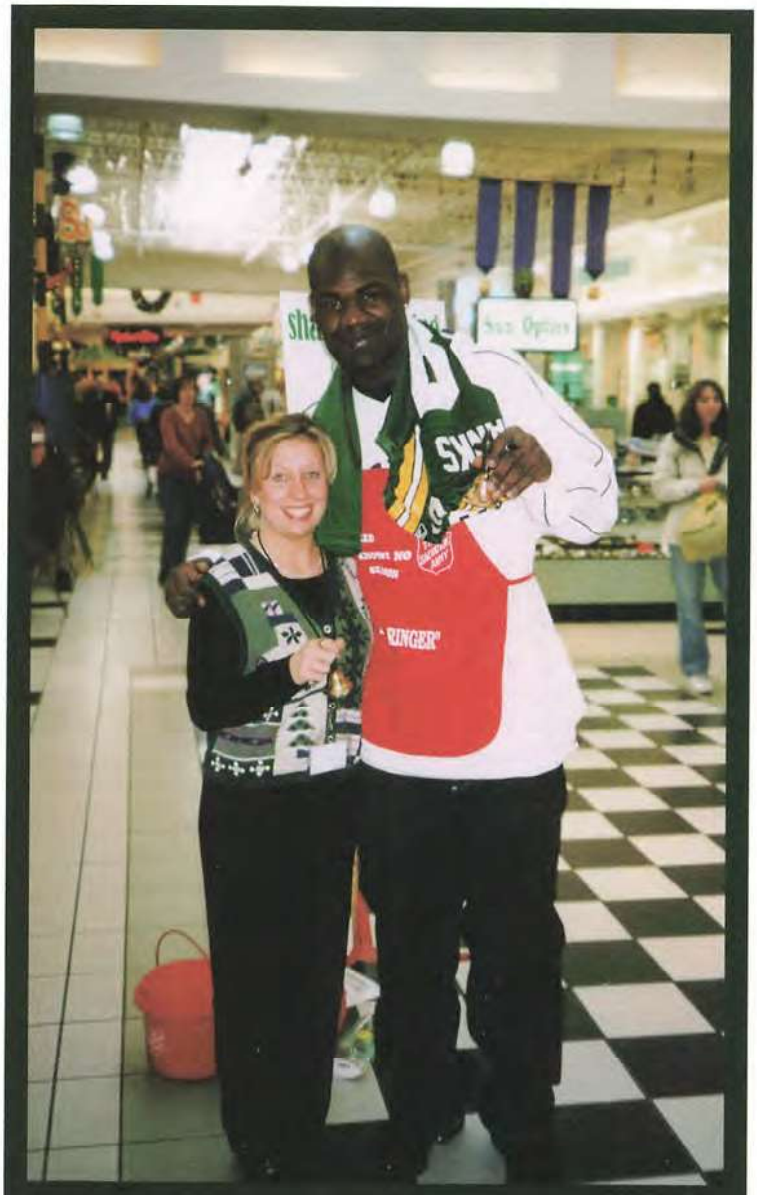

Packers Manager of Community Relations Cathy Dworak, all 5 feet of her, is flanked by 6-foot-6 tight end Bubba Franks during a bell-ringing stint for the Salvation Army during the last Christmas season.

Cathy Dworak

5 FOOT COACH

5 foot dynamo

By Sean Schultz
Green Bay Press-Gazette

A crick in her neck is just part of the job for Cathy Dworak, the pint-sized manager of community relations for the Green Bay Packers. That's because this five-foot-high dynamo's job requires her to strong-arm Packer players who typically soar more than a foot above and can outweigh her by 150 to 200 pounds. "I'm constantly looking up," Dworak said. So is her job.

Dworak, a Denmark, Wisconsin, native who is just 34, is diminutive but mighty when it comes to convincing Packers personnel to sign their autographs on team giveaways and to agree to make personal appearances.

She has to be tough because she's got the Packers' public image at stake, fielding some 40 requests a week for player and coach appearances and an average of 500 requests per month for donations from the team.

"Our department responds to every one," she said. "We want to be the NFL team who is a cut above in turnaround time. We strive for two weeks, where in the other teams it's six to eight weeks." That "we" is just Dworak and her part-time assistant, Bobbi Jo Eisenreich, who handles the job of packaging and mailing donated items, along with assisting in various community activities. Dworak said they respond personally to all requests with a phone call or a letter.

The most prized donations are the white, stamped footballs that bear the year and the autographs of all the players on the roster and the coaching staff. "We have about 3,000 a year printed up," she said. The non-fading footballs are typically used at fundraisers as auction, raffle and door prize items that fetch hefty sums to benefit groups and individuals in the community. "The most raised for a ball was $1,700," Dworak noted, who keeps track of how much the autographed items help raise and publishes an annual booklet called Green Bay Packers' Community Involvement. "We want people to be aware of the Green Bay Packers' ongoing dedication to the community."

A lifelong Packers fan, Dworak showed up at the Packer offices three years ago, armed with an associate's degree in marketing from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and a bachelor's degree in management communications from Concordia College. She completed the latter while working full time at Denmark State Bank and sharing parenting duties of toddlers ages 1 and 3 with her husband, Gary.

Then she set her sights on the Packers. "I was watching the news about the (Lambeau) renovation and I thought 'What a great place that would be to work. They're probably going to need additional people down the road," she recalled. Dworak dropped off her resume and within seven weeks she was working as a marketing sales coordinator. In June 2002, she was promoted to her current position.

She didn't get there by being a wallflower. At first, Dworak said she hovered in the back-

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ground in the team dining room, hoping a player would approach. "I thought, 'This is going to be tough.' But a coach said I should get in their faces." She did. Now, once or twice a week, the team members will see a determined Dworak heading their way in the dining room, armed with player appearances. "Lunch time is my busy time," she said. But a good part of her community relations work is in-house as Dworak works each season to establish a rapport with the teammates and staff at Lambeau field, especially Gordon "Red" Batty, the team's equipment manager, and Kate Hogan, director of retail operations, at the Packers Pro Shop. Dworak stated that Batty and Hogan do a wonderful job providing her department with items to assist in their community efforts. "Sixty percent or more of my time is building relationships with the players," she said. "But I don't want my presence in Team Dining to be perceived as requesting something. Sometimes I just go to build relationships."

Dworak has her pets on the team, typically the players she can count on to offer their time for the good causes the team is asked to support. Donald Driver, Mark Tauscher, Chad Clifton, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, Marco Rivera, Bill Ferrario, Aaron Kampman, Rob Davis and Tony Fisher are high on her list, along with tight end Bubba Franks who she guaranteed "would love" a stint as a bell-ringer for the Salvation Army last Christmas season. She said Brett Favre and Coach Sherman "are exceptional to work with" as they champion the Make-A-Wish Foundation each season. Donald Driver is an absolute sweetheart," she said. "He calls me and says "Is there anything I can do? What did somebody else decline?" She's helped offensive guard Marco Rivera put together a power point presentation for his foundation work and accompanied wide receiver Donald Driver on a visit to an Algoma elementary school. There's also the player, recently cut from the roster, who asked her to help him donate toys and gifts to hospitalized children. He wanted to do it without fanfare and she's keeping his secret even after his departure. All these big guys, helping out, touch her heart. "I get to see the softer side of football," Dworak said.

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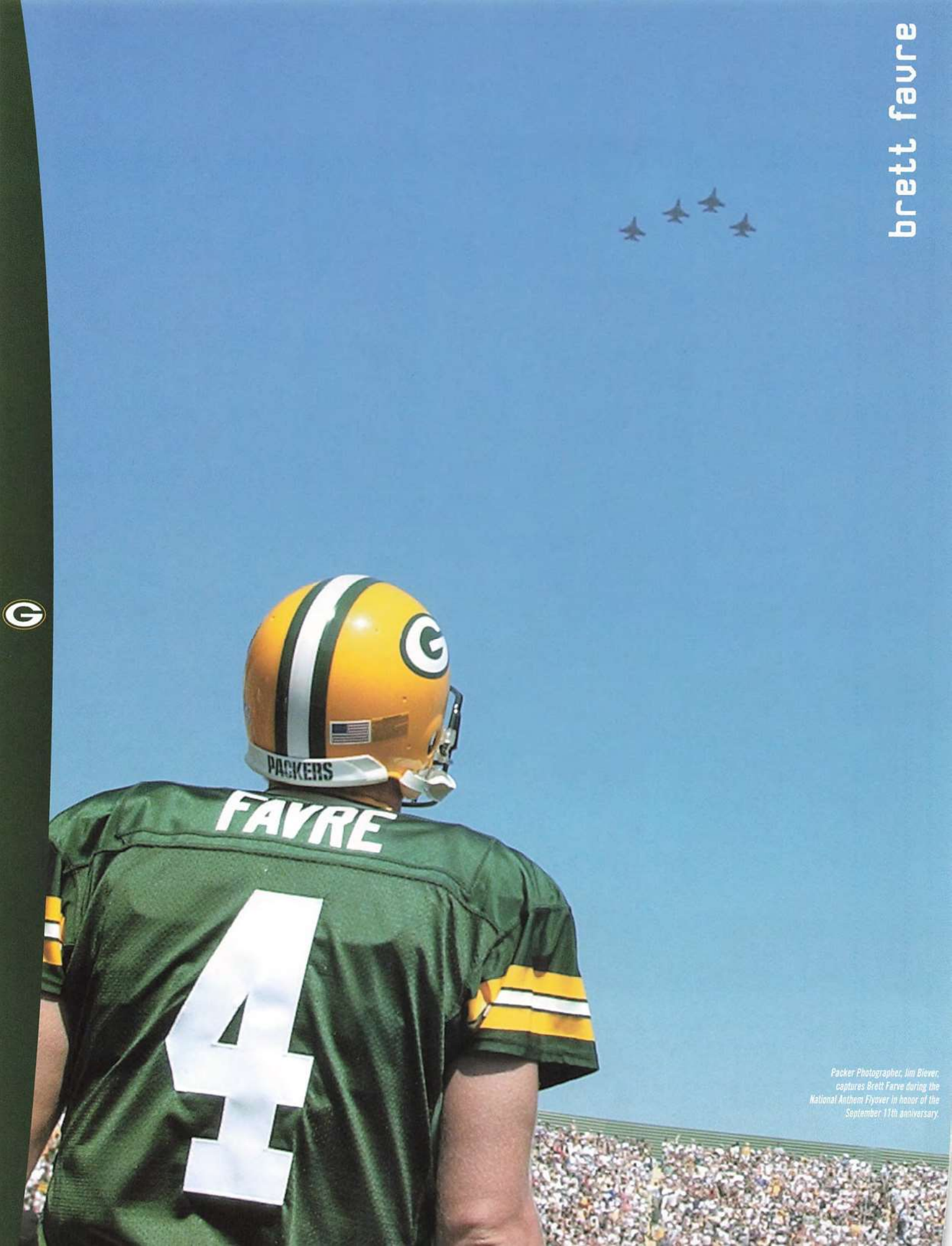
While the players' good works often make her teary-eyed, Dworak is tough when she needs to be. The player who only wants to take the paid public appearance gigs will find her facing him down. "Paid appearances are given after you do unpaid ones. That's the reward," she decrees. "I really have to set the tone, especially because of my size." In season, she noted, "I wish I could have my office right outside the locker room." Off-season, she tracks them down via phone, fax and e-mail to get commitments.

Dworak said she couldn't do her job without the support of her husband and Sarah, now 9, and Kayla, 7. "They understand Mom's work and that sometimes players might call the house."

This Packer backer has a story she hopes to tell area service groups this season to let the public know the extent of the team's commitment to the community. She'll relate the story of the six Packers who went to a Christmas party at St. Vincent Hospital for kids with cancer and stayed to play. Behind that visit was a determined Dworak who promised, "I know for a fact the players will do something for your kids." No arm twisting required.



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Serious gastrointestinal toxicity, such as inflammation, bleeding, ulceration, and perforation of the stomach, small intestine or large intestine, can occur at any time, with or without warning symptoms, in patients treated with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Minor upper gastrointestinal problems, such as dyspepsia, are common and may also occur at any time during NSAID therapy. Therefore, physicians and patients should remain alert for ulceration and bleeding, even in the absence of previous GI symptoms. Patients should be informed about the signs and/or symptoms of serious GI toxicity and the steps to take if they occur. The utility of periodic laboratory monitoring has not been demonstrated, nor has it been adequately assessed. Only one in five patients who develop a serious upper GI adverse event on NSAID therapy is symptomatic. It has been demonstrated that upper GI ulcers, gross bleeding or perforation, caused by NSAIDs, appear to occur in approximately 1% of the patients treated for 3-6 months, and in about 2-4% of patients treated for one year. These trends continue thus, increasing the likelihood of developing a serious GI event at some time during the course of therapy. However, even short-term therapy is not without risk.

NSAIDs should be prescribed with extreme caution in those with a prior history of ulcer disease or gastrointestinal bleeding. Most spontaneous reports of fatal GI events are in elderly or debilitated patients and therefore special care should be taken in treating this population. **To minimize the potential risk for an adverse GI event, the lowest effective dose should be used for the shortest possible duration.** For high-risk patients, alternate therapies that do not involve NSAIDs should be considered.

Studies have shown that patients with a *prior history of peptic ulcer disease and/or gastrointestinal bleeding* and who use NSAIDs, have a greater than 10-fold risk for developing a GI bleed than patients with neither of these risk factors. In addition to a past history of ulcer disease, pharmacoepidemiological studies have identified several other co-therapies or co-morbid conditions that may increase the risk for GI bleeding such as: treatment with oral corticosteroids, treatment with anticoagulants, longer duration of NSAID therapy, smoking, alcoholism, older age, and poor general health status.

Anaphylactoid Reactions

As with other NSAIDs, anaphylactoid reactions have occurred in patients without known prior exposure to MOBIC. MOBIC should not be given to patients with the aspirin triad. This symptom complex typically occurs in asthmatic patients who experience rhinitis with or without nasal polyps, or who exhibit severe, potentially fatal bronchospasm after taking aspirin or other NSAIDs (see CONTRAINDICATIONS and PRECAUTIONS, Pre-existing Asthma). Emergency help should be sought in cases where an anaphylactoid reaction occurs.

Advanced Renal Disease

In cases with advanced kidney disease, treatment with MOBIC is not recommended. If NSAID therapy must be initiated, close monitoring of the patient's kidney function is advisable (see PRECAUTIONS, Renal Effects).

Pregnancy

In late pregnancy, as with other NSAIDs, MOBIC should be avoided because it may cause premature closure of the ductus arteriosus.

PRECAUTIONS

General

MOBIC cannot be expected to substitute for corticosteroids or to treat corticosteroid insufficiency. Abrupt discontinuation of corticosteroids may lead to disease exacerbation. Patients on prolonged corticosteroid therapy should have their therapy tapered slowly if a decision is made to discontinue corticosteroids.

The pharmacological activity of MOBIC in reducing inflammation and possibly fever may diminish the utility of these diagnostic signs in detecting complications of presumed noninfectious, painful conditions.

Hepatic Effects

Borderline elevations of one or more liver tests may occur in up to 15% of patients taking NSAIDs, including MOBIC. These laboratory abnormalities may progress, may remain unchanged, or may be transient with continuing therapy. Notable elevations of ALT or AST (approximately three or more times the upper limit of normal) have been reported in approximately 1% of patients in clinical trials with NSAIDs. In addition, rare cases of severe hepatic reactions, including jaundice and fatal fulminant hepatitis, liver necrosis and hepatic failure, some of them with fatal outcomes, have been reported with NSAIDs.

Patients with signs and/or symptoms suggesting liver dysfunction, or in whom an abnormal liver test has occurred, should be evaluated for evidence of the development of a more severe hepatic reaction while on therapy with MOBIC. If clinical signs and symptoms consistent with liver disease develop, or if systemic manifestations occur (e.g., eosinophilia, rash, etc.), MOBIC should be discontinued.

Renal Effects

Caution should be used when initiating treatment with MOBIC in patients with considerable dehydration. It is advisable to rehydrate patients first and then start therapy with MOBIC. Caution is also recommended in patients with pre-existing kidney disease (see WARNINGS, Advanced Renal Disease).

Long-term administration of NSAIDs has resulted in renal papillary necrosis and other renal medullary changes. Renal toxicity has also been seen in patients in whom renal prostaglandins have a compensatory role in the maintenance of renal perfusion. In these patients, administration of NSAIDs may cause dose-dependent reduction in prostaglandin formation and, secondarily, in renal blood flow, which may precipitate overt renal decompensation. Patients at greatest risk of this reaction are those with impaired renal function, heart failure, liver dysfunction, those taking diuretics and ACE inhibitors, and the elderly. Discontinuation of NSAID therapy is usually followed by recovery to the pretreatment state.

The extent to which metabolites may accumulate in patients with renal failure has not been studied with MOBIC. Because some MOBIC metabolites are excreted by the kidney, patients with significantly impaired renal function should be more closely monitored.

Hematological Effects

Anemia is sometimes seen in patients receiving NSAIDs, including MOBIC. This may be due to fluid retention, GI blood loss, or an incompletely described effect upon erythropoiesis. Patients on long-term treatment with NSAIDs, including MOBIC, should have their hemoglobin or hematocrit checked if they exhibit any signs or symptoms of anemia.

Drugs which inhibit the biosynthesis of prostaglandins may interfere to some extent with platelet function and vascular responses to bleeding.

NSAIDs inhibit platelet aggregation and have been shown to prolong bleeding time in some patients. Unlike aspirin their effect on platelet function is quantitatively less, or of shorter duration, and reversible. MOBIC does not generally affect platelet counts, prothrombin time (PT), or partial thromboplastin time (PTT). Patients receiving MOBIC who may be adversely affected by alterations in platelet function, such as those with coagulation disorders or patients receiving anticoagulants, should be carefully monitored.

Fluid Retention and Edema

Fluid retention and edema have been observed in some patients taking NSAIDs, including MOBIC. Therefore, as with other NSAIDs, MOBIC should be used with caution in patients with fluid retention, hypertension, or heart failure.

Pre-existing Asthma

Patients with asthma may have aspirin-sensitive asthma. The use of aspirin in patients with aspirin-sensitive asthma has been associated with severe bronchospasm which can be fatal. Since cross reactivity, including bronchospasm, between aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs has been reported in such aspirin-sensitive patients, MOBIC should not be administered to patients with this form of aspirin sensitivity and should be used with caution in patients with pre-existing asthma.

Information for Patients

MOBIC, like other drugs of its class, can cause discomfort and, rarely, more serious side effects, such as gastrointestinal bleeding, which may result in hospitalization and even fatal outcomes. Although serious GI tract ulcerations and bleeding can occur without warning symptoms, patients should be alert for the signs and symptoms of ulcerations and bleeding, and should ask for medical advice when observing any indicative signs or symptoms. Patients should be made aware of the importance of this follow-up (see WARNINGS, Gastrointestinal (GI) Effects - Risk of GI Ulceration, Bleeding and Perforation).

Patients should report to their physicians signs or symptoms of gastrointestinal ulceration or bleeding, skin rash, weight gain, or edema.

Patients should be informed of the warning signs and symptoms of hepatotoxicity (e.g., nausea, fatigue, lethargy, pruritus, jaundice, right upper quadrant tenderness, and "flu-like" symptoms). If these occur, patients should be instructed to stop therapy and seek immediate medical therapy.

Patients should also be instructed to seek immediate emergency help in the case of an anaphylactoid reaction (see WARNINGS, Anaphylactoid Reactions).

In late pregnancy, as with other NSAIDs, MOBIC should be avoided because it may cause premature closure of the ductus arteriosus.

Laboratory Tests

Patients on long-term treatment with NSAIDs should have their CBC and a chemistry profile checked periodically. If clinical signs and symptoms consistent with liver or renal disease develop, systemic manifestations occur (e.g., eosinophilia, rash, etc.) or if abnormal liver tests persist or worsen, MOBIC should be discontinued.

Drug Interactions

ACE Inhibitors Reports suggest that NSAIDs may diminish the antihypertensive effect of angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors. This interaction should be given consideration in patients taking NSAIDs concomitantly with ACE inhibitors.

Aspirin Concomitant administration of aspirin (1000 mg TID) to healthy volunteers tended to increase the AUC (10%) and C_{max} (24%) of meloxicam. The clinical significance of this interaction is not known; however, as with other NSAIDs, concomitant administration of meloxicam and aspirin is not generally recommended because of the potential for increased adverse effects. Concomitant administration of low-dose aspirin with MOBIC may result in an increased rate of GI ulceration or other complications, compared to use of MOBIC alone. MOBIC is not a substitute for aspirin for cardiovascular prophylaxis.

Cholestyramine Pretreatment for four days with cholestyramine significantly increased the clearance of meloxicam by 50%. This resulted in a decrease in $t_{1/2}$ from 19.2 hours to 12.5 hours, and a 35% reduction in AUC. This suggests the existence of a recirculation pathway for meloxicam in the gastrointestinal tract. The clinical relevance of this interaction has not been established.

Cimetidine Concomitant administration of 200 mg cimetidine QID did not alter the single-dose pharmacokinetics of 30 mg meloxicam.

Digoxin Meloxicam 15 mg once daily for 7 days did not alter the plasma concentration profile of digoxin after β-acetyldigoxin administration for 7 days at clinical doses. *In vitro* testing found no protein binding drug interaction between digoxin and meloxicam.

Furosemide Clinical studies, as well as post-marketing observations, have shown that NSAIDs can reduce the natriuretic effect of furosemide and thiazide diuretics in some patients. This effect has been attributed to inhibition of renal prostaglandin synthesis. Studies with furosemide agents and meloxicam have not demonstrated a reduction in natriuretic effect. Furosemide single and multiple dose pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics are not affected by multiple doses of meloxicam. Nevertheless, during concomitant therapy with furosemide and MOBIC, patients should be observed closely for signs of declining renal function (see PRECAUTIONS, Renal Effects), as well as to assure diuretic efficacy.

Lithium In clinical trials, NSAIDs have produced an elevation of plasma lithium levels and a reduction in renal lithium clearance. In a study conducted in healthy subjects, mean pre-dose lithium concentration and AUC were increased by 21% in subjects receiving lithium doses ranging from 804 to 1072 mg BID with meloxicam 15 mg QD as compared to subjects receiving lithium alone. These effects have been attributed to inhibition of renal prostaglandin synthesis by MOBIC. Patients on lithium treatment should be closely monitored when MOBIC is introduced, adjusted, or withdrawn.

Methotrexate A study in 13 rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients evaluated the effects of multiple doses of meloxicam on the pharmacokinetics of methotrexate taken once weekly. Meloxicam did not have a significant effect on the pharmacokinetics of single doses of methotrexate. *In vitro*, methotrexate did not displace meloxicam from its human serum binding sites.

Warfarin Anticoagulant activity should be monitored, particularly in the first few days after initiating or changing MOBIC therapy in patients receiving warfarin or similar agents, since these patients are at an increased risk of bleeding. The effect of meloxicam on the anticoagulant effect of warfarin was studied in a group of healthy subjects receiving daily doses of warfarin that produced an INR (International Normalized Ratio) between 1.2 and 1.8. In these subjects, meloxicam did not alter warfarin pharmacokinetics and the average anticoagulant effect of warfarin as determined by prothrombin time. However, one subject showed an increase in INR from 1.5 to 2.1. Caution should be used when administering MOBIC with warfarin since patients on warfarin may experience changes in INR and an increased risk of bleeding complications when a new medication is introduced.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No carcinogenic effect of meloxicam was observed in rats given oral doses up to 0.8 mg/kg/day (approximately 0.4-fold the human dose at 15 mg/day for a 50 kg adult based on body surface area conversion) for 104 weeks or in mice given oral doses up to 8.0 mg/kg/day (approximately 2.2-fold the human dose, as noted above) for 99 weeks.

Meloxicam was not mutagenic in an Ames assay, or clastogenic in a chromosome aberration assay with human lymphocytes and an *in vivo* micronucleus test in mouse bone marrow.

Meloxicam did not impair male and female fertility in rats at oral doses up to 9 and 5 mg/kg/day, respectively (4.9-fold and 2.5-fold the human dose, as noted above). However, an increased incidence of embryolethality at oral doses ≥ 1 mg/kg/day (0.5-fold the human dose, as noted above) was observed in rats when dams were given meloxicam 2 weeks prior to mating and during early embryonic development.

Pregnancy

Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category C. Meloxicam caused an increased incidence of septal defect of the heart, a rare event, at an oral dose of 60 mg/kg/day (64.5-fold the human dose at 15 mg/day for a 50 kg adult based on body surface area conversion) and embryolethality at oral doses ≥ 5 mg/kg/day (5.4-fold the human dose, as noted above) when rabbits were treated throughout organogenesis. Meloxicam was not teratogenic in rats up to an oral dose of 4 mg/kg/day (approximately 2.2-fold the human dose, as noted above) throughout organogenesis. An increased incidence of stillbirths was observed when rats were given oral doses ≥ 1 mg/kg/day throughout organogenesis. Meloxicam crosses the placental barrier. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. MOBIC should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nonteratogenic Effects: Meloxicam caused a reduction in birth index, live births, and neonatal survival at oral doses ≥ 0.125 mg/kg/day (approximately 0.07-fold the human dose at 15 mg/day for a 50 kg adult based on body surface area conversion) when rats were treated during the late gestation and lactation period. No studies have been conducted to evaluate the effect of meloxicam on the closure of the ductus arteriosus in humans; use of meloxicam during the third trimester of pregnancy should be avoided.

Labor and Delivery

Studies in rats with meloxicam, as with other drugs known to inhibit prostaglandin synthesis, showed an increased incidence of stillbirths, increased length of delivery time, and delayed parturition at oral dosages ≥ 1 mg/kg/day (approximately 0.5-fold the human dose at 15 mg/day for a 50 kg adult based on body surface area conversion), and decreased pup survival at an oral dose of 4 mg/kg/day (approximately 2.1-fold the human dose, as noted above) throughout organogenesis. Similar findings were observed in rats receiving oral dosages ≥ 0.125 mg/kg/day (approximately 0.07-fold the human dose, as noted above) during late gestation and the lactation period.

Nursing Mothers

Studies of meloxicam excretion in human milk have not been conducted; however, meloxicam was excreted in the milk of lactating rats at concentrations higher than those in plasma. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from MOBIC, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients under 18 years of age have not been established.

Geriatric Use

As with any NSAID, caution should be exercised in treating the elderly (65 years and older).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The MOBIC phase 2/3 clinical trial database includes 10,122 patients treated with MOBIC 7.5 mg/day and 3,505 patients treated with MOBIC 15 mg/day. MOBIC at these doses was administered to 661 patients for at least 6 months and to 312 patients for at least one year. Approximately 10,500 of these patients were treated in ten placebo and/or active-controlled osteoarthritis trials. Gastrointestinal (GI) adverse events were the most frequently reported adverse events in all treatment groups across MOBIC trials.

A 12-week multicenter, double-blind, randomized trial was conducted in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee or hip to compare the efficacy and safety of MOBIC with placebo and with an active control.

The following adverse events (%) occurred in ≥ 2% of MOBIC 7.5 mg daily (n=154) and 15 mg daily (n=156) patients, respectively, in a 12-week osteoarthritis placebo- and active-controlled trial: abdominal pain, 1.9%, 2.6%; diarrhea, 7.8%, 3.2%; dyspepsia, 4.5%, 4.5%; flatulence, 3.2%, 3.2%; nausea, 3.9%, 3.8%; accident household, 4.5%, 3.2%; edema[1], 1.9%, 4.5%; fall, 2.6%, 0.0%; influenza-like symptoms, 4.5%, 5.8%; dizziness, 2.6%, 3.8%; headache, 7.8%, 8.3%; pharyngitis, 0.6%, 3.2%; upper respiratory tract infection, 3.2%, 1.9%; rash[2], 2.6%, 0.6%.

The following adverse events (%) occurred with MOBIC 7.5 mg daily in ≥ 2% of patients treated, respectively, in short-term (4-6 weeks) and long-term (6 months) active-controlled osteoarthritis trials: abdominal pain, 2.7%, 4.7%; constipation, 0.8%, 1.8%; diarrhea, 1.9%, 5.9%; dyspepsia, 3.8%, 8.9%; flatulence, 0.5%, 3.0%; nausea, 2.4%, 4.7%; vomiting, 0.6%, 1.8%; edema[1], 0.6%, 2.4%; pain, 0.9%, 3.6%; dizziness, 1.1%, 2.4%; headache, 2.4%, 3.6%; anemia, 0.1%, 4.1%; arthralgia, 0.5%, 5.3%; back pain, 0.5%, 3.0%; insomnia, 0.4%, 3.6%; coughing, 0.2%, 2.4%; upper respiratory tract infection, 0.2%, 8.3%; pruritus, 0.4%, 2.4%; rash[2], 0.3%, 3.0%; micturition frequency, 0.1%, 2.4%; urinary tract infection, 0.3%, 4.7%.

The following adverse events (%) occurred with MOBIC 15 mg daily in ≥ 2% of patients treated, respectively, in short-term (4-6 weeks) and long-term (6 months) active-controlled osteoarthritis trials: abdominal pain, 2.3%, 2.9%; constipation, 1.2%, 2.6%; diarrhea, 2.7%, 2.6%; dyspepsia, 7.4%, 9.5%; flatulence, 0.4%, 2.6%; nausea, 4.7%, 7.2%; vomiting, 0.8%, 2.6%; edema[1], 2.0%, 1.6%; pain, 2.0%, 5.2%; dizziness, 1.6%, 2.6%; headache, 2.7%, 2.6%; anemia, 0.0%, 2.9%; arthralgia, 0.0%, 1.3%; back pain, 0.4%, 0.7%; insomnia, 0.0%, 1.6%; coughing, 0.8%, 1.0%; upper respiratory tract infection, 0.0%, 7.5%; pruritus, 1.2%, 0.0%; rash[2], 1.2%, 1.3%; micturition frequency, 0.4%, 1.3%; urinary tract infection, 0.4%, 6.9%.

[1]WHO preferred terms edema, edema dependent, edema peripheral and edema legs combined

[2]WHO preferred terms rash, rash erythematous and rash maculo-papular combined

As with other NSAIDs, higher doses of MOBIC (e.g., chronic daily 30 mg dose) were associated with an increased risk of serious GI events, therefore the daily dose of MOBIC should not exceed 15 mg.

The following is a list of adverse drug reactions occurring in < 2% of patients receiving MOBIC in clinical trials involving approximately 15,400 patients. Adverse reactions reported only in worldwide post-marketing experience or the literature are shown in italics and are considered rare (< 0.1%). **Body as a Whole:** allergic reaction, *anaphylactoid reactions including shock*, face edema, fatigue, fever, hot flushes, malaise, syncope, weight decrease, weight increase **Cardiovascular:** angina pectoris, cardiac failure, hypertension, hypotension, myocardial infarction, vasculitis **Central and Peripheral Nervous System:** convulsions, paresthesia, tremor, vertigo **Gastrointestinal:** colitis, dry mouth, duodenal ulcer, eructation, esophagitis, gastric ulcer, gastritis, gastroesophageal reflux, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, hematemesis, hemorrhagic duodenal ulcer, hemorrhagic gastric ulcer, intestinal perforation, melena, pancreatitis, perforated duodenal ulcer, perforated gastric ulcer, stomatitis ulcerative **Heart Rate and Rhythm:** arrhythmia, palpitation, tachycardia **Hematologic:** *agranulocytosis*, leukopenia, purpura, thrombocytopenia **Liver and Biliary System:** ALT increased, AST increased, bilirubinemia, GGT increased, hepatitis, *jaundice, liver failure* **Metabolic and Nutritional:** dehydration **Psychiatric Disorders:** abnormal dreaming, anxiety, appetite increased, confusion, depression, nervousness, somnolence **Respiratory:** asthma, bronchospasm, dyspnea **Skin and Appendages:** alopecia, angioedema, bullous eruption, *erythema multiforme*, photosensitivity reaction, pruritus, *Stevens-Johnson syndrome*, sweating increased, *toxic epidermal necrolysis*, urticaria **Special Senses:** abnormal vision, conjunctivitis, taste perversion, tinnitus **Urinary System:** albuminuria, BUN increased, creatinine increased, hematuria, *interstitial nephritis*, renal failure.

OVERDOSAGE

There is limited experience with meloxicam overdose. Four cases have taken 6 to 11 times the highest recommended dose; all recovered. Cholestyramine is known to accelerate the clearance of meloxicam.

Symptoms following acute NSAID overdose are usually limited to lethargy, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, and epigastric pain, which are generally reversible with supportive care. Gastrointestinal bleeding can occur. Severe poisoning may result in hypertension, acute renal failure, hepatic dysfunction, respiratory depression, coma, convulsions, cardiovascular collapse, and cardiac arrest. Anaphylactoid reactions have been reported with therapeutic ingestion of NSAIDs, and may occur following an overdose.

Patients should be managed with symptomatic and supportive care following an NSAID overdose. In cases of acute overdose, gastric lavage followed by activated charcoal is recommended. Gastric lavage performed more than one hour after overdose has little benefit in the treatment of overdose. Administration of activated charcoal is recommended for patients who present 1-2 hours after overdose. For substantial overdose or severely symptomatic patients, activated charcoal may be administered repeatedly. Accelerated removal of meloxicam by 4 gm oral doses of cholestyramine given three times a day was demonstrated in a clinical trial. Administration of cholestyramine may be useful following an overdose. Forced diuresis, alkalinization of urine, hemodialysis, or hemoperfusion may not be useful due to high protein binding.

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Skoronski says

PACKERS' OBLIGATION

to play on weekend of JFK assassination

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"It has been traditional in sports for athletes to perform in times of great personal tragedy."

The 1963 Packers lost to the Bears 10-3 in their opener in Lambeau Field and then won sight straight before losing to the Bears in Chicago 26-7.

The San Francisco 49ers were up next in Milwaukee and on this Friday morning Coach Vince Lombardi came off the practice field smiling and upbeat.

Some of the players lunched on sandwiches in the locker room and others left, including Forrest Gregg: "I left early and had my car radio on and the announcer said Kennedy was shot in a parade in Dallas. I was only a few blocks from the stadium but I just stopped the car and listened."

That was 40 years ago–the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Many older folks remember just what they were doing on that November 22, 1963 when they heard this tragic news–just like today's new generations remember their activity on that fateful morning of September 11, 2001.

The Packers had five players from Dallas, tackle Gregg, linebacker Bill Forester, defensive back Hank Gremminger, quarterback John Roach and punter Jerry Norton.

Forester's wife, Anne, said "I hope we won't be another Ford's theater." Former Packer Don McIlbenny told Forester "Dallas is closed up tonight. They're too stunned to move."

Roach, who backed up Bart Starr, said "I believe everybody in Dallas will get mad. It burns me up. That Stevenson thing (Adlai, hit in head on Dallas visit) and then throwing eggs at Lyndon Johnson was political but this Kennedy thing is something else again. That's not Dallas."

Gremminger said "I feel bad because it happened in a place where I made my home. You wonder why. It could have been political. We have no racial problems in Dallas." Gregg said "I was disappointed over the Stevenson thing but we're no radical and certainly what happened now is not the feeling of the people."

As that awful Friday wore on, there was a possibility that Sunday's seven National Football League games might be postponed, but commissioner Pete Rozelle, facing considerable criticism, said the games should be played. The rival American Football League's four games were postponed.

Rozelle consulted with Kennedy's brother, Bobby, and others in government before making his decision. He explained: "It has been traditional in sports for athletes to perform in times of great personal tragedy. Football was Mr. Kennedy's game. He thrived on competition."

The Kennedy assassination was often recalled after the horrible tragedy of 9-11 and Rozelle's successor, Paul Tagliabue, quickly postponed the NFL schedule for one week, including the Packers at New York Giants.

Bob Skoronski, a tackle in the 1960's, recalled that "it was an obligation to play back then because Mr. Kennedy was such a big football fan. If I was a player now I would have not wanted to play, mainly because of the huge number of casualties."

The sellout crowd of 49,905 in County stadium seemed quiet and subdued–especially as the Packer Lumberjack band confined its music to just the Star Spangled banner. Most of the day's cheering developed in the second quarter when the Packers broke the game open with three touchdowns on their way to a 28-10 victory.

Rozelle cancelled all telecasts of NFL games that day and with no TV timeouts the game was over in two hours and eight minutes. "With no TV we had a much larger audience," recalled radio sportscaster Ted Moore.

Fans who came to the stadium early got another shock when word came over the public address system, connected to radio, that Jack Ruby had shot and killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of Kennedy.

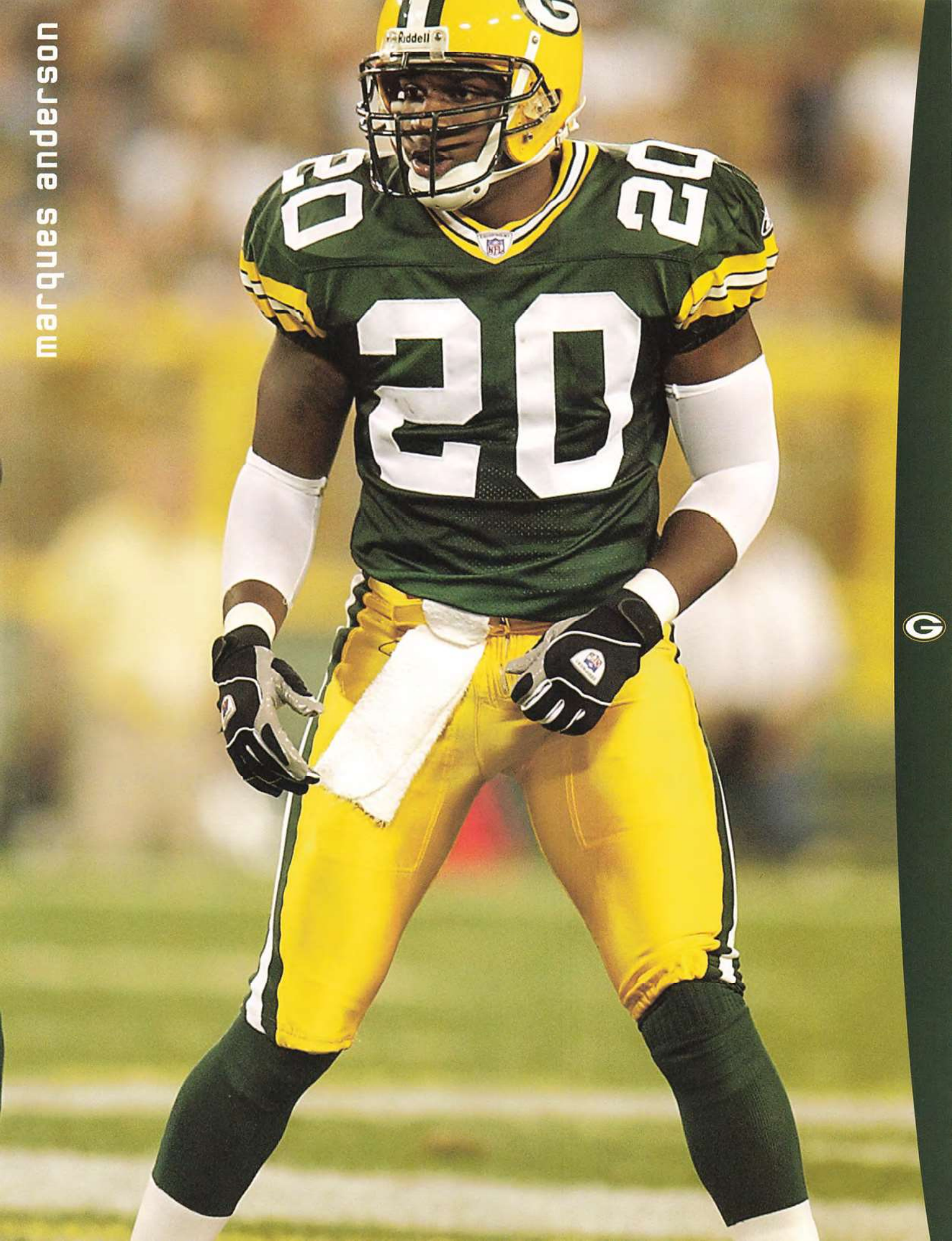
Lombardi was asked after the game if he thought the game should have been played. He pointed out: "If it was an official day of mourning it wouldn't have been played, but since it wasn't I don't think the games should have been called off. Knowing what President Kennedy stood for I'm sure he would have been the last one to went to call the game off." The next day was designed as a day of mourning.

Kennedy wired congratulations to Lombardi after the 1961 and 1962 championships, both victories over the New York Giants. His wire read: "Congratulations on a great game today. It was a fine victory for a great coach, a great team and a great town. Best regards, "President Kennedy."

The Packers experienced another shock in 1963–this time in early spring when Rozelle suspended halfback Paul Hornung and Detroit's Alex Karras for betting on NFL games other than their own. Surprisingly, Lombardi felt the loss of the versatile Hornung may make the Packers a better team, explaining "a handicap can often be good for a team."

Green Bay was going for at third straight championship to match the Pack's famous triple of 1929-30-31, but the Bears won the Division (and the NFL title) with a record of 11-1-2 against the Pack's 11-2-1.

To be sure, the assassination of Kennedy seemed quite personal in Green Bay because the President really was a Packer fan–plus Lombardi was a good friend after frequent visits to the White House.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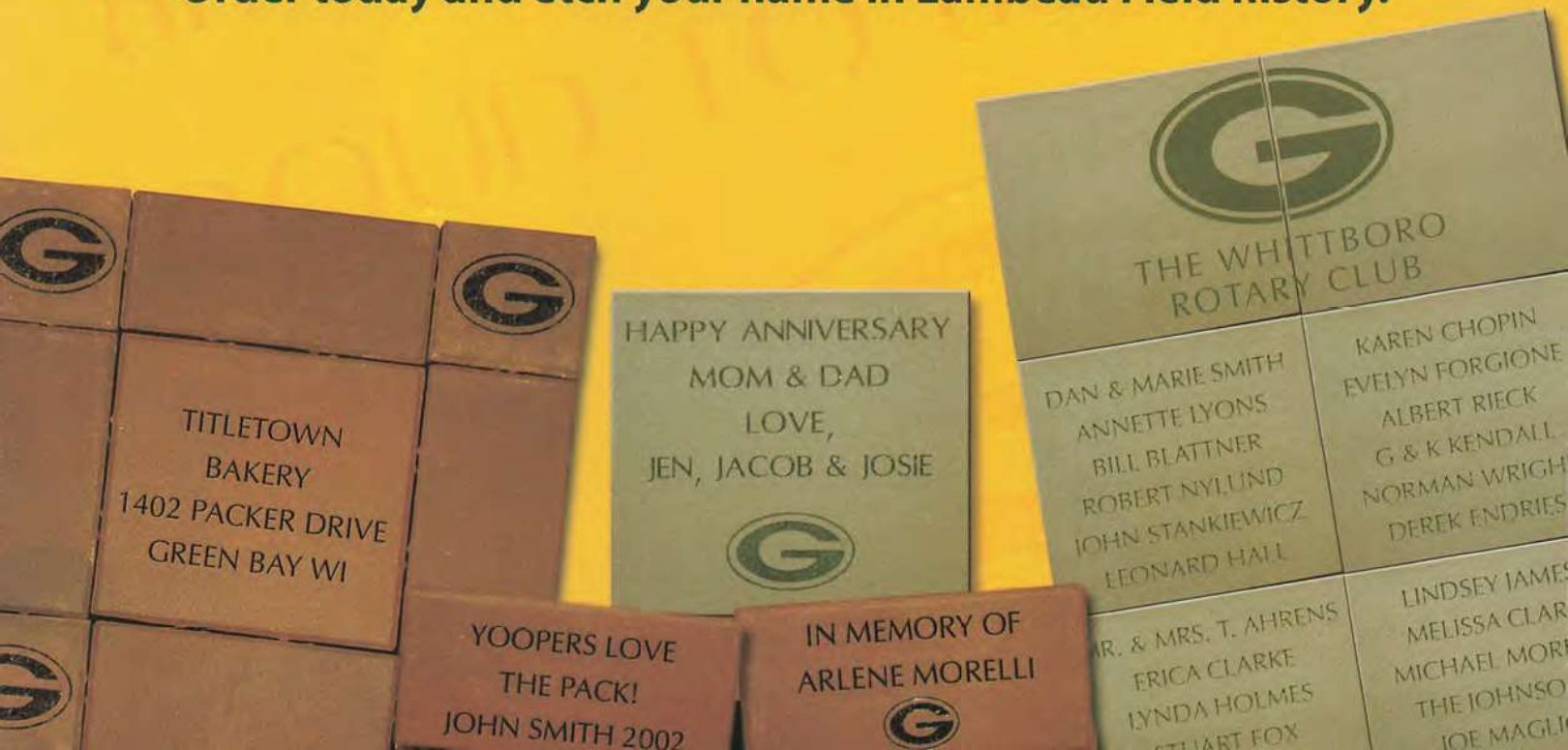


Packer Hall of Fame welcomes...

MAD DOG

Mike Douglass & Jim Irwin

By Tom Andrews
Packer Report

To quote legendary Alabama coach Bear Bryant, "What matters is not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog." Better make that "Mad Dog." Michael Reese Douglass stood all of 6-feet tall and weighed 205 pounds soaking wet. But if you were an unfortunate soul trying to get past him with a football, Mad Dog made you pay. The speedy, hard-hitting Douglass earned the nickname for his tenacious, almost reckless style of play at outside linebacker during his eight seasons in Green Bay. Now, his infectious smile and his unbridled love for the game of football have a secure place in team history–inside the Packer Hall of Fame.

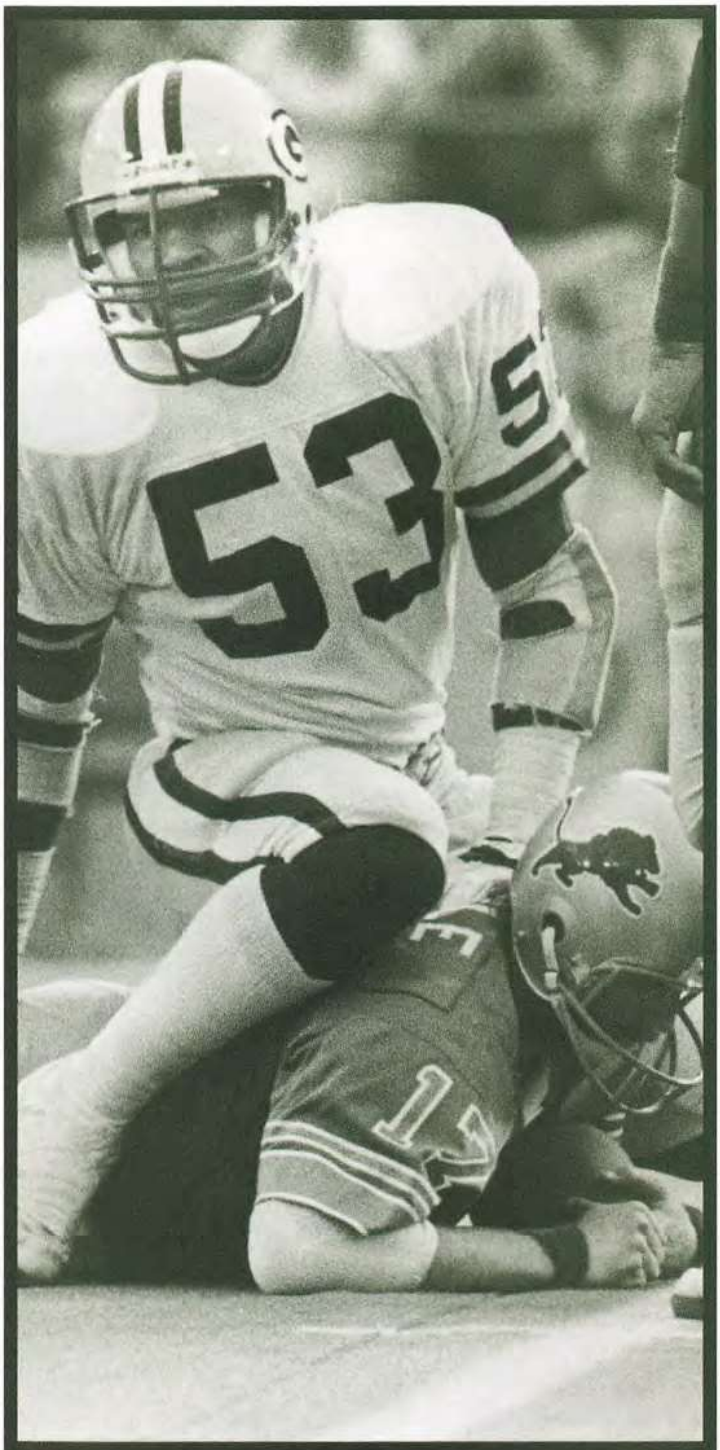
On July 19, Douglass joined Jim Irwin, the venerable Packer radio play-by-play announcer and 10-time Wisconsin Sportscaster of the Year, as the latest Packer Hall of Fame inductees. The 33rd annual induction banquet was held at the KI Convention Center in downtown Green Bay. Douglass was presented for induction by his former teammate and roommate, James Lofton, while Irwin was presented by his son, James B. Irwin, and his longtime colleague in the Packer broadcast booth, Max McGee.

"It was like a dream," Douglass recalled about learning of his selection. "I'd been waiting a long time for it to happen and then, when I got the letter, I had to read it a couple of times and I still didn't believe it so I had somebody else read it to me and that confirmed it."

Irwin, on the other hand, found out about his selection to the Hall a bit differently while attending a Packer game last fall. "I was up in the press box," Irwin recalled, "I saw (Packer President & CEO) Bob Harlan and he said, 'Hey, congratulations!' And I said, 'On what?' He said, 'Well, you'll find out!' Finally, in January, the official letter came from the Hall of Fame and, obviously, I was ecstatic about it. I'm very emotional about the fact that my name will be forever linked with the Green Bay Packers and that, to me, is just something beyond my wildest dreams."

Green Bay's fifth round draft choice out of San Diego State in 1978, Douglass is the third-leading tackler in Packer history (967). He led the team in quarterback sacks in 1984 with nine, intercepted 13 career passes and was voted the Packers' Most Valuable Defensive Player in both 1980 and 1981. Douglass was also named to the Sports Illustrated All-Pro team three times (1981, '82 and '83). His zest for the game rubbed off on his teammates and made him an instant fan favorite. But, with Douglass, there was more than met the eye. "Everybody always talked about the athletic part of my play but I studied a lot," said Douglass. "Being a person who was diligent enough to study all the film and read stats on players, looking for weaknesses, it gave me the ability to use my quickness and my strength to overcome people that were bigger. Most of the people I played against were a lot bigger than me."

Douglass credits his mother, Ollie, more than any other person for instilling his value system and making sure he was a good student. It wasn't easy. Mike, his three brothers and



Michael Reese Douglass stood all of 6-feet tall and weighed 205 pounds soaking wet. But if you were an unfortunate soul trying to get past him with a football, Mad Dog made you pay.

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two sisters, lived with their mother in the Los Angeles ghetto of Watts, one of the seamiest, most depressing ghettos in the entire country. Ollie worked multiple jobs and raised her children alone because their father deserted the family when Mike was quite young. "She saw us off to school each morning and she was always there when we came home for dinner," Douglass recalled. Despite the harsh circumstances, his mother never quit–and neither did Douglass. Asked how he'd like Packer fans to remember him, Douglass replied, "He might have been small but he played every down. I remember Coach (Bart) Starr always saying that you don't quit until the gun goes off and the game ends. I played the fourth quarter as hard as I played the first."

After joining the sports departments at WDUZ radio and WLUK-TV Green Bay in 1964, Irwin moved to WTMJ in Milwaukee in 1969. He was the radio voice of the Packers for 30 years (616 consecutive games), starting as a color analyst in 1969 and then becoming play-by-play announcer in 1975. McGee hitched on as color analyst in 1979 and the pair entertained radio listeners along the Packer network until their retirement at the end of the 1998 season.

In addition to handling the Packer broadcasts, Irwin also called Milwaukee Bucks, Wisconsin Badgers and Milwaukee Brewers games at various times during his distinguished career. Irwin has already been inducted into the Wisconsin Broadcasting Hall of Fame, the Milwaukee Press Club Hall of Fame and the Camdenton (Missouri) High School Hall of Fame. He is also a winner of the prestigious Red Smith Award.

Most influenced by legendary baseball announcer Harry Caray because of the "raw emotion and excitement" of his delivery, Irwin said he thoroughly enjoyed the games he called. "I always tried to make sure that came out in the broadcast," he added. "We always tried to be honest but I don't think there was ever any doubt who we wanted to win."

Greatest Packer moments on his watch? Chris Jacke's last-second field goal to beat Tampa Bay in 1989, along with the famous "Instant Replay" game against the Bears that same season rank high on Irwin's list. "But if I had to pick one moment in all the broadcasts I did for the Packers it would be the year we played the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl," he adds. "To get to that game, we played the Carolina Panthers in Green Bay and when it became clear that the Packers were going to win and we were going to the Super Bowl, there was such a feeling of emotion in the stadium and in the broadcast booth among all of us. It was just like you were floating. It was spine-tingling and you just didn't want it to end."

In his easy-going manner, Irwin hopes fans will simply remember him as their friend. "I really think that all of those people that listened to us felt that they knew Jim and Max really well," said Irwin. "They were friends of Jim and Max, listening to those broadcasts. I'd like them to remember that 'My friend Jim was the play-by-play announcer of the Packers."

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Fall 1970
Bernard "Boob" Darling, 1927-31; Earl "Curly" Lambeau, 1919-49; Lavvie Dilweg, 1927-34; Verne Lewellen, 1924-32; Francis "Jug" Earpe, 1922-32; Johnny "Blood" McNally, 1928-36; Cal Hubbard, 1929-35; Mike Michalske, 1929-37.

January 1972
Hank Bruder, 1931-29; Don Hutson, 1935-45; Milt Gantenbein, 1931-40; Cecil Isbell, 1938-42; Charles "Buckets" Goldenberg, 1933-45; Joe Laws, 1934-45; Arnie Herber, 931-41; Russ Letlow, 1936-42, 1946; Clarke Hinkle, 1932-41; George Svendsen, 1935-41.

January 1973
Charlie Brock, 1939-47; Bobby Monnett, 1933-39; Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 1946-52; Buford "Baby" Ray, 1938-48; Larry Craig, 1939-49; Andy Uram, 1938-43; Bob Forte, 1946-53; Dick Wildung, 1946-51, 1953; Ted Fritsch, 1942-50; Howard "Whitey" Woodin, 1922-30.

January 1974
Al Carmichael, 1953-58; Dave Hanner, 1952-64; Fred Cone, 1952-57; Bill Howton, 1952-58; Bobby Dillon, 1952-59, John Martinkovic, 1951-56; Howie Ferguson, 1953-58; Jim Ringo, 1953-63; Bill Forester, 1953-63; Tobin Rote, 1950-56.

January 1975
Don Chandler, 1965-67; Ron Kramer, 1957, 1959-64; Wille Davis, 1960-69; Vince Lombardi, 1959-68; Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 1964-66; Max McGee, 1954, 1957-67; Henry Jordan, 1959-69; Jim Taylor, 1958-66; Jerry Kramer, 1958-68; Fred "Fuzzy" Thurston, 1959-67.

January 1976
Joseph "Red" Dunn, 1927-31; Bob Skoronski, 1956, 1959-68; Hank Gremminger, 1956-65; Jess Whittenton, 1958-64; Gary Knafelc, 1954-62; Carl "Bud" Jorgensen, 1924-70.

January 1977
Howard "Cub" Buck, 1921-25; Bart Starr, 1956-72, 1975-83; Forrest Gregg, 1956, 1958-70, 1984-87; A.B. Turnbull, 1923-27; Charles Mathys, 1922-26; Willie Wood, 1960-71.

February 1978
Boyd Dowler, 1959-69; Paul "Tiny" Engebretsen, 1934-41; Lon Evans, 1933-37; Ray Nitschke, 1958-72; George Calhoun, 1919-46.

February 1979
Nate Barrager, 1931-35; Carroll Dale, 1965-72; Elijah Pitts, 1962-69, 1971; Pete Tinsley, 1938-45; Dominic Olejniczak, 1958-81.

February 1981
Herb Adderley, 1961-69; Ken Bowman, 1964-73; Chester "Swede" Johnston, 1934-39; Lee Joannes, 1930-47.

February 1982
Lou Brock, 1940-45; Gale Gillingham, 1966-74, 1976; Dave Robinson, 1963-72; Jack Vainisi, 1950-60.

February 1983
Donny Anderson, 1966-71; Fred Carr, 1968-77; Carl Mulleneaux, 1938-41, 1945-46; Fred Leicht, 1925-77.

February 1984
John Brockington, 1971-77; Dan Currie, 1958-64; Eddie Jankowski, 1937-41; Fred Towbridge, Sr.

February 1985
Phil Bengston, 1959-70; Bob Jeter, 1963-70; Earl Svendsen, 1937, 1939-40.

February 1986
Lee Roy Caffey, 1964-69; Irv Comp, 1943-49; Wilner Burke.

March 1987
Chester Marcol, 1972-80; Deral Teteak, 1952-56; Dr. Eugene S. Brusky, 1962-90.

February 1988
Lionel Aldridge, 1963-71; Bob Mann, 1950-53; Jerry Atkinson.

February 1989
Zeke Bratkowski, 1963-68, 1971; Ron Kostelnik, 1961-68.

February 1991
Harry Jacunski, 1939-44; Jan Stenerud, 1980-83; Gerald Clifford.

February 1992
Lynn Dickey, 1976-77, 1979-85; Larry McCarren, 1973-84; Al Schneider.

March 1993
Willie Buchanon, 1972-78; Johnnie Gray, 1975-84; Art Daley.

March 1994
Paul Coffman, 1978-85; Gerry Ellis, 1980-86 Dr. W. Webber Kelly.

March 1995
William Brault, 1969-present.

March 1996
John Anderson, 1978-89; Lee Remmel 1944-present.

March 1997
Ezra Johnson, 1977-87; John "Red" Cochran; Travis Williams, 1967-70.

March 1998
Ken Ellis, 1970-75; Mark Murphy, 1980-85, 1987-1991; Judge Robert J. Parins, 1966-91.

March 1999
James Lofton, 1978-86; Tom Miller, 1946, 1956-66.

March 2000
Ron Wolf, 1991-2001.

July 2001
Johnny Holland, 1987-93; Ray Scott, 1987-93.

July 2002
Sterling Sharpe, 1988-94; Vernon Biever; Dick Schaap.

July 2003
Mike "Mad Dog" Douglass, 1978-1985; Jim Irwin, 1969-1998.

Son to induct

JAMES LOFTON

in Pro Football Hall of Fame

By Rob Schultz
Madison Capital Times

James Lofton once thought Bart Starr would introduce him during the induction ceremony if he was ever elected to the National Football League's Hall of Fame.

He changed his mind after a conversation with Starr during Lofton's induction into the Green Bay Packers' Hall of Fame in 1999.

"Bart mentioned to me that if he had to do it all over again that he'd have his son introduce him at the NFL Hall of Fame," said Lofton, who will be introduced by his oldest son, David, when he's inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in August. "Bart kind of planted a seed in my mind."

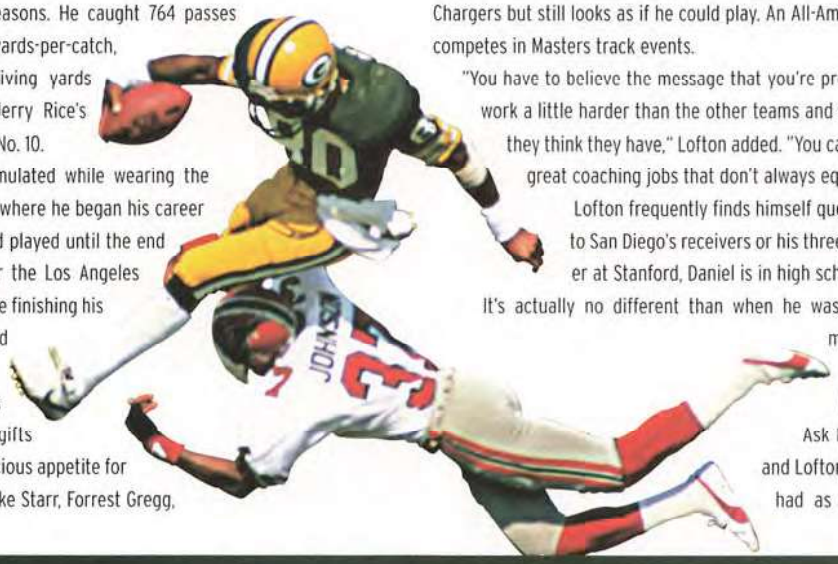
That isn't a shock to anyone who knows Lofton or followed his illustrious career.

Lofton, 47, is a Hall of Fame receiver partly because of incredible God-given gifts of speed, height and strength that helped him become one of the league's most dominant receivers with the Packers in the late 1970s and '80s.

He played in 233 games over 16 seasons. He caught 764 passes for 14,004 yards, an average of 18.3 yards-per-catch, and scored 75 touchdowns. His receiving yards rank second in NFL history to only Jerry Rice's still-growing totals. His receptions rank No. 10.

Most of those numbers were accumulated while wearing the familiar No. 80 uniform for the Packers, where he began his career in 1978 as a No. 1 pick from Stanford and played until the end of the 1986 season. He also played for the Los Angeles Raiders (87-88) and Buffalo (89-92) before finishing his career with the Los Angeles Rams and Philadelphia in 1993.

What may have given Lofton his greatest edge was mixing his athletic gifts with an innate football sense and a voracious appetite for knowledge that coaches he played for like Starr, Forrest Gregg, Art Shell, Mike Shanahan, Marv Levy, Bill Walsh, Bob Schnelker and Lew Carpenter were more than happy to try and satisfy.



And even though Lofton found the greatest team success at the end of his career with Buffalo, he never discounts what he learned in Green Bay. Or what he accomplished.

He caught 530 passes with the Packers, which was a team record until Sterling Sharpe shattered it. Lofton still holds the team record for most career receiving yards with 9,656. He did it all while the Packers struggled through eight of nine seasons without a winning record. The only winning campaign was in 1982, which was shortened by a strike.

As he looks back, Lofton will heartily agree that while he was raised in California and went to college at Stanford, he grew up in Green Bay.

"I've only been coaching for two years now, but what I realize is that great coaching doesn't always equal great results," said Lofton, who is a receivers coach with the San Diego Chargers but still looks as if he could play. An All-American long jumper at Stanford, he still competes in Masters track events.

"You have to believe the message that you're preaching to your players to get them to work a little harder than the other teams and squeeze a little more out of them than they think they have," Lofton added. "You can do that on an 8-8 team. You can have great coaching jobs that don't always equal Super Bowl victories."

Lofton frequently finds himself quoting Starr and Gregg when he's talking to San Diego's receivers or his three children. David is a sophomore receiver at Stanford, Daniel is in high school and Rachel is in middle school.

It's actually no different than when he was playing and quoting his coaches to motivate himself. That helps explain why he missed just one game due to an injury throughout his career.

Ask him what it takes to be a great player and Lofton will recite an eye-opening moment he had as a Packer when he was talking with

Lofton said the first trick is to work harder than the other guy. The second trick is to hustle. The third trick is to study and learn. The fourth trick is to be prepared and the fifth trick is to never give up.

Gregg, a Hall of Fame tackle, about his playing days with Green Bay.

"I threw out the comment that 'Deacon Jones probably ate you alive," Lofton said. "It was like Forrest was ready to strap it on right away. He snapped, "Deacon Jones never beat me.' It was interesting because at that one moment I saw the pride that it took to be a great player."

"It's not something where you walk away from the field, shrug your shoulders and say that you did the best you could," Lofton added. "You do better than the best you could. That's what I kind of captured from Forrest Gregg."

Some bits and pieces from that moment can be found in a quote attributed to Lofton that has been used in many motivational speeches around the world. It came from an answer Lofton once gave after he was asked what tricks he used to succeed.

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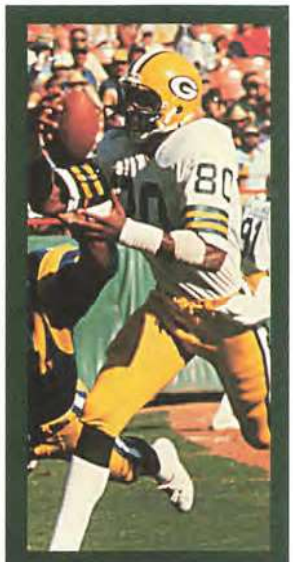
"There is no limit to how hard you can play or how hard you can hustle," said Lofton, who made that his mantra as a player. "That comes up in daily conversation with everybody that's in my meeting room now, whether it's a free agent from Utah State or whether it's David Boston."



Starr reached Lofton more subtly. Lofton said he won't forget a training camp when Starr became disgusted because the players were acting like slobs in the locker room and the dining room. Starr told the players that the true measure of a man is by how he treats someone who can do nothing for him.

"It's probably been 20 years since he said that, but it's funny, I just repeated that statement to my group of players the other day," Lofton said. "I always respected that about Bart because he lived that way and I've tried to live that way, too."

There are no shouldas, wouldas and couldas when Lofton talks about his days with the Packers. Besides believing he had the best coaching, Lofton loved his teammates and believed they were just one or two players away from becoming a championship squad.

For instance, he said his career at Green Bay would have been no better if Brett Favre was his quarterback.

"If you go back and look at Lynn Dickey's 4,000-yard season in 1983, he attempted fewer passes (484) than any NFL quarterback in history to pass that mark," said Lofton, referring to the 4,458-yard season Dickey had in 1983 that still stands as the most ever by a Green Bay quarterback.

"To me, Lynn Dickey was a pretty good quarterback," he added. "I don't think people realize how well he threw the ball. If he was playing today and was still healthy, he'd be one of the top passing quarterbacks in the NFL, especially in today's game."

Lofton used to tease Dickey by placing phone messages in his locker room mail slot that said, "Throw the ball to No. 80." It was an example of Lofton's wit that he often used to bring some levity to the team.

A more famous example occurred when he signed a new contract with the Packers and Bob Harlan, who was the corporate assistant to the team president at the time, asked Lofton how he wanted to announce it. It was winter and Lofton looked out Harlan's office window before deadpanning, "I think it's a little too cold for a parade."

Now Lofton would like to throw a parade for the Packers and all its fans for what they have meant–and still mean–to him.

"You have ups and downs and you probably learn more from the down times than you do the up times. But getting to play there at such a historic place and being a part of that organization–you always hear about those little MasterCard commercials and how they put a price tag on everything–was really priceless," said Lofton.

The only time Lofton sat in the Lambeau Field stands for a game was in 1998 when the Vikings and rookie Randy Moss throttled the Packers 37-24 on a Monday night. "To hear the people cheer for the team when the team was down sent cold chills through me," said Lofton, who sat in the stands with his wife, Beverly. "The Packers were getting walloped, it was raining and nobody was leaving. I didn't hear a negative word while I was up there."

The Packers recovered from that loss that year to make the playoffs. It exemplified a point Lofton learned throughout his career.

"The thing about football, it's how you rebound," he said. "The most important play is the next play. I think, because I learned that early on in my career, it made me a pretty good player."

The Lambeau story...

EARL LAMBEAU

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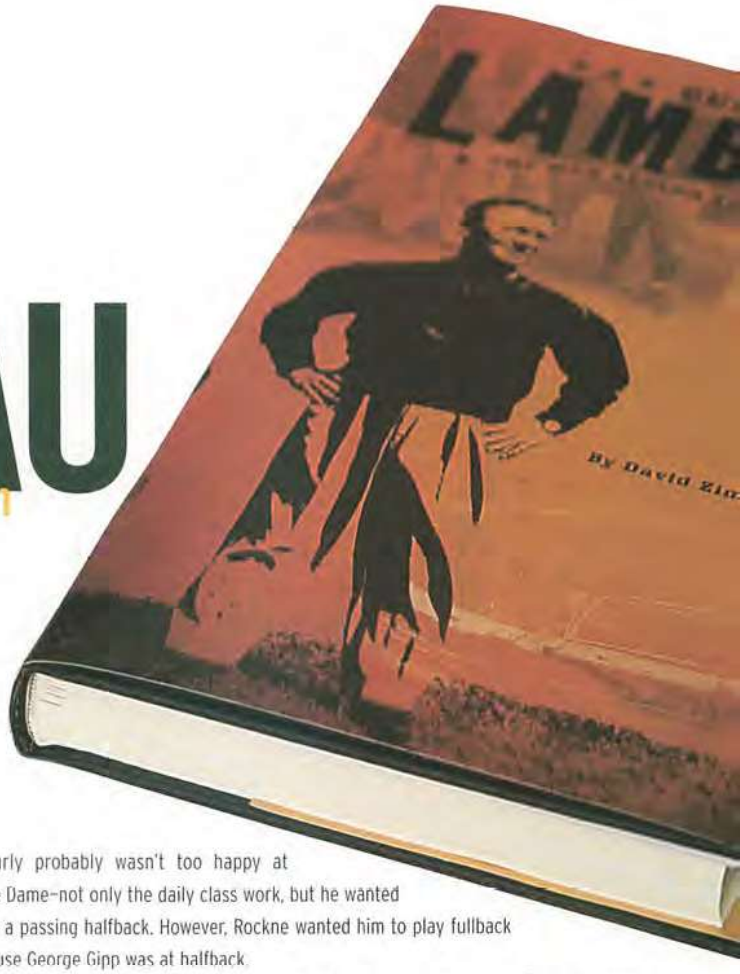

By Art Daley
Editor Emeritus

"When I get through with athletics I'm going out and conquer the rest of the world."

Earl Lambeau wrote that boastful inscription next to his picture in the Green Bay East High School senior yearbook, but "athletics" would remain with him the rest of his life.

At 19, a head taller and a year older than most of this classmates, the well-liked Lambeau was a triple-threat halfback and a drop-kicker on East's championship teams. All his classmates and his teachers called him Curly because of his naturally curly hair.

Curly worked for his father, Marcel in the construction business after graduation in 1918 and then enrolled at the University of Wisconsin but dropped out quickly after the Badgers cancelled the freshman football program.

Lambeau then enrolled at Notre Dame and played one season under the legendary Knute Rockne and alongside The Gipper. After winning a letter, Lambeau returned home for the Christmas break and came down with a sore throat that turned into infected tonsils. The infection lasted six weeks and he decided not to return to school.

Lambeau got a job as a traffic manager at the Indian Packing Company at the unheard of salary of $250 a month. As the summer of 1919 wore on, Curly got a big urge to play football. With the help of George Calhoun, sports editor of the Press-Gazette, an item in the paper asked interested players to report for a meeting to start a football team.

That August 11, 1919 meeting in the Press-Gazette office was the start of the Green Bay Packers 84 years ago, but think about it: If Wisconsin had allowed freshmen to play like Notre Dame did, or, if Lambeau had not developed a throat problem, there would be no Packers. Can you imagine, no Vince Lombardi?

The story of Lambeau is told in the first-ever Lambeau book entitled ***"LAMBEAU" The Man Behind the Mystique"*** by David Zimmerman, who also authored ***"In Search of a Hero,"*** a book on Tony Canadeo, one of Lambeau's greatest players.

Lambeau's legacy, of course, is six NFL titles and all the great players of his time, but like the book says, "the Lambeau story unfolds like a novel; his life has all the ingredients of great fiction–courage valor, conquest, infidelity, honors, greed, pride, envy, sorrow, shame, redemption."

Most of Lambeau's other legacy, his personal life, is revealed for the first time. He was married and divorced three times, got rich after this third marriage, and dropped dead at 67 after proposing marriage to a girl nearly 40 years younger.

When he enrolled at Notre Dame, his heart was back in Green Bay–namely with his high school sweetheart, Marguerite Van Kessel, who would become his first wife. He wrote to her often and signed his letters, "love, love, love, love, love" or "big fat kiss," with a circle around it.

Curly probably wasn't too happy at Notre Dame–not only the daily class work, but he wanted to be a passing halfback. However, Rockne wanted him to play fullback because George Gipp was at halfback.

Rockne told Curly "son, you are going to be right halfback but don't be surprised if you are moved to fullback." Lambeau started against Case at halfback but Gipp entered the game in the first quarter and Lambeau moved to fullback.

Lambeau had no coaching experience and he was the Packers' captain. Joe Hoeffel, a former University of Wisconsin star, "coached" the first year or two while Curly also coached at East High. Curly has always been called the Packers' only coach and maybe rightly so because those days the "rules" dictated that the captain ran the team on the field.

Lambeau, a convincing type was able to get star college players to join the Packers and by the tender age of 31 he led the Packers to the first of three straight National Football League championships–a feat matched only by Lombardi's 1965-67 triple.

The book revealed that Lambeau rather liked the ladies, an understatement. He once told me that "you should never take a drink before 5 o'clock and surround yourself with a lot of pretty girls."

Harry Jacunski, a pass receiver (1939-44), said "Curly sure was a ladies man. He actually competed with players for some of the women in Green Bay, even though he was married and some of the women were married."

Harry (and other players, including Don Hutson) had a similar thought on his coaching. "He really wasn't a strategist. He was more of a motivational type and the plays we often used were drawn up by some of the players." It was also said "Curly pushed, punished his teams into a pack of wild animals that tore through opposing teams."

The book ties in Curly's second wife, Susan Johnson, with the release of Arnie Herber, the Packers' star passer. Susan was a California beauty contestant and 10 years younger than Curly.

After a few years, they were both unfaithful and finally divorced. She showed up in Green Bay pregnant and claimed Lambeau was the father.

The wife of Herber took Susan into their home since she couldn't afford to stay in a hotel. That move infuriated Curly and he promptly cut Herber before training camp in '41. Lambeau's excuse was that Herber was overweight. Curly was fortunate he had a great passer in Cecil Isbell.

Curly was only 46 when he drove the Packers to their sixth NFL championship in '44 and it wasn't long before the title game in New York that he started dating glamorous 49-year-old Grace Garland, a wealthy California socialite.

Like Curly, Grace was twice divorced but they remained married for nearly eight years before they split. California divorce laws permitted Lambeau to benefit immensely and he had homes and property in California and Door County north of Green Bay.

The pages of "Mystique" cross all of Lambeau's boundaries like: "Contract negotiations were like a three-act play, you never won," and "Curly had no tolerance for injuries, you just didn't get hurt," and "the Earl of Hollywood," and "you weren't allowed to smoke in public in Green Bay," etc.

Lambeau died on June 1, 1965. He had just purchased a new red Cadillac convertible and was on his way to date his girl friend, Mary Jane Van Duyse in Sturgeon Bay. Her father, Francis, was cutting the grass when Curly drove in. Curly cut some grass and showed off by doing the twist and fell dead.

Strangely, Lambeau did "conquer the world" of pro football because his production, the Green Bay Packers, became the most unique and most loved in professional sports. And his name lives on in those two words–Lambeau Field.

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Joe Philbin	Assistant Offensive Line
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The Packers... RECORD BOOK & all-time top 20

scoring

		TD	PAT	FG	TP	YRS
1	Don Hutson	105	172	7	823	11
2	Chris Jacke	0	301	173	820	8
3	Paul Hornung	62	190	66	760	9
4	**Ryan Longwell**	**0**	**247**	**159**	**724**	**6**
5	Jim Taylor	91	0	0	546	9
6	Chester Marcol	1	155	120	521	9
7	Fred Cone	16	200	53	455	7
8	Sterling Sharpe	66	0	0	396	7
9	Ted Fritsch	35	62	36	380	9
10	Clarke Hinkle	43	30	28	372	10
11	Antonio Freeman	57	4	0	346	7
12	Verne Lewellen	51	1	0	307	9
13	Max McGee	51	0	0	306	12
14	James Lofton	50	0	0	300	9
15	Jan Stenerud	0	115	59	292	4
16	Dorsey Levens	44	2	0	266	8
17	Al Del Greco	0	112	50	262	4
18	Don Chandler	0	117	48	261	3
19	Bill Howton	43	0	0	258	7
20	Boyd Dowler	40	0	0	240	11

rushing

		ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	YRS
1	Jim Taylor	1,811	8,207	4.5	84	9
2	John Brockington	1,293	5,024	3.9	53	7
3	Tony Canadeo	1,025	4,197	4.1	54	11
4	Dorsey Levens	1,006	3,937	3.9	52	8
5	Clarke Hinkle	1,171	3,860	3.3	57	10
6	Gerry Ellis	836	3,826	4.6	71	7
7	**Ahman Green**	**853**	**3,802**	**4.5**	**83**	**3**
8	Paul Hornung	893	3,711	4.2	72	9
9	Edgar Bennett	936	3,353	3.6	39	5
10	Donny Anderson	787	3,165	4.0	54	6
11	Eddie Lee Ivery	667	2,933	4.4	49	8
12	Tobin Rote	419	2,205	5.3	55	7
13	Ted Fritsch	619	2,200	3.6	55	9
14	Howie Ferguson	544	2,120	3.9	57	6
15	Tom Moore	503	2,069	4.1	77	6
16	Terdell Middleton	559	2,044	3.7	76	5
17	Floyd Reid	459	1,964	4.3	69	7
18	Barty Smith	544	1,942	3.6	33	7
19	Joe Laws	470	1,932	4.1	—	12
20	MacArthur Lane	484	1,711	3.5	41	3

receiving

		NO	YDS	AVG	LG	YRS
1	Sterling Sharpe	595	8,134	13.7	79	7
2	James Lofton	530	9,656	18.2	80	9
3	Don Hutson	488	7,991	16.4	92	11
4	Boyd Dowler	448	6,918	15.4	91	11
5	Antonio Freeman	417	6,510	15.6	84	7
6	Max McGee	345	6,346	18.4	82	12
7	Paul Coffman	322	4,223	13.1	78	8
8	Robert Brooks	306	4,225	13.8	99	7
9	Billy Howton	303	5,581	18.4	90	7
10	Carroll Dale	275	5,422	19.7	89	8
11	Gerry Ellis	267	2,514	9.4	69	7
12	Dorsey Levens	271	2,079	7.7	56	8
13	Edgar Bennett	242	1,920	7.9	40	5
14	Bill Schroeder	225	3,435	15.3	67	5
15	**William Henderson**	**218**	**1,630**	**7.5**	**27**	**8**
16	Ed West	202	2,321	11.5	50	11
17	**Ahman Green**	**192**	**1,548**	**8.1**	**42**	**3**
17	Phil Epps	192	2,884	15.0	63	7
18	Mark Chmura	188	2,253	11.9	33	7
19	Jim Taylor	187	1,505	8.1	41	9
20	Perry Kemp	182	2,341	12.9	39	4

combined running back rushing & receiving yards

		Rushing		Receiving		Combined		
		ATT	YDS	NO	YDS	ATT	YDS	AVG
1	Jim Taylor	1,811	8,207	187	1,505	1,998	9,712	4.9
2	Gerry Ellis	836	3,826	267	2,514	1,103	6,340	5.7
3	John Brockington	1,293	5,024	138	1,075	1,431	6,099	4.3
4	Dorsey Levens	1,006	3,937	271	2,079	1,277	6,016	4.7
5	**Ahman Green**	**853**	**3,802**	**192**	**1,548**	**1,045**	**5,350**	**5.1**
6	Edgar Bennett	936	3,353	242	1,920	1,178	5,273	4.5
7	Paul Hornung	893	3,711	130	1,480	1,023	5,191	5.1
8	Donny Anderson	787	3,165	125	1,725	912	4,890	5.4
9	Tony Canadeo	1,025	4,197	69	579	1,094	4,776	4.4
10	Eddie Lee Ivery	667	2,933	162	1,612	829	4,545	5.5
11	Clarke Hinkle	1,171	3,860	50	537	1,221	4,397	3.6
12	Ahman Green	567	2,562	135	1,153	702	3,715	5.3
13	Howie Ferguson	544	2,120	127	1,079	671	3,199	4.8
14	Joe Laws	470	1,932	79	1,041	549	2,973	5.4
15	Barty Smith	544	1,942	120	979	664	2,921	4.4
16	Elijah Pitts	479	1,684	97	1,182	576	2,866	5.0
17	Floyd Reid	459	1,964	72	868	531	2,832	5.3
18	Tom Moore	503	2,069	71	645	574	2,714	4.7
19	Terdell Middleton	559	2,044	78	659	637	2,703	4.2
20	MacArthur Lane	484	1,711	87	855	571	2,566	4.5

** Bold face indicates player is on the current active roster.*

ball carrying

MOST ATTEMPTS (Career)

1,811 Jim Taylor, 1958-66, 9 sea.
1,293 John Brockington, 1971-77, 7 sea.
1,171 Clarke Hinkle, 1932-41, 10 sea.
1,025 Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 46-52, 11 sea.

MOST ATTEMPTS (One Season)

329 Dorsey Levens, 1997
316 Edgar Bennett, 1995
304 Ahman Green, 2001
286 Ahman Green, 2002
284 Terdell Middleton, 1978

MOST ATTEMPTS (One Game)

39 Terdell Middleton, 1978 vs Minnesota, 110 yards
33 Dorsey Levens, 1997 vs Dallas, 190 yards
32 Jim Grabowski, 1967 vs Chicago Bears, 111 yds
John Brockington, 1974 vs Minnesota, 137 yrs

MOST YARDS GAINED (Career)

8,207 Jim Taylor, 1958-66, 1,811 attempts, Avg. 4.5
5,024 John Brockington, 1971-77, 1,293 attempts, Avg. 3.9
4,197 Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 46-52, 1,025 attempts, Avg. 4.1
3,937 Dorsey Levens, 1994-01, 1,006 attempts, Avg. 3.9

MOST YARDS GAINED (One Season)

1,474 Jim Taylor, 1962, 272 attempts, Avg. 5.4
1,435 Dorsey Levens, 1997, 329 attempts, Avg 4.4
1,387 Ahman Green, 2001, 304 attempts, Avg. 4.6
1,307 Jim Taylor, 1961, 243 attempts, Avg. 5.4
1,240 Ahman Green, 2002, 286 attempts, Avg. 4.3

MOST YARDS GAINED (One Game)

190 Dorsey Levens, 1997 vs Dallas, 33 attempts, Avg 5.8
186 Jim Taylor, 1961 vs NY Giants, 27 attempts, Avg. 6.9
169 Ahman Green, 2001 vs TB Bucs, 24 attempts, Avg.7.0
167 Billy Grimes, 1950 vs NY Yanks, 10 attempts, Avg. 9.7

longest runs

LONGEST RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE

97 Andy Uram, 1939 vs Chicago Cards, TD
84 Jim Taylor, 1964 vs Detroit, TD
83 James Lofton, 1982 vs New York Giants, TD
83 Ahman Green, 2001 vs Detroit, TD

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

95 Steve Odom, 1974 vs Chicago Bears, TD
94 Mark Lee, 1981 vs New York Giants, TD
93 Veryl Switzer, 1954 vs Chicago Bears, TD
92 Desmond Howard 1996 vs Detroit, TD
90 Andy Uram, 1941 vs Brooklyn, TD
90 Phil Epps, 1983 vs Tampa Bay, TD

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

106 Al Carmichael, 1956 vs Chicago Bears, TD
104 Travis Williams, 1967 vs Los Angeles Rams, TD
103 Herb Adderley, 1962 vs Baltimore, TD
101 Dave Hampton, 1970 vs Minnesota, TD
101 Roell Preston, 1998 vs Minnesota, TD

LONGEST INTERCEPTED PASS RETURN (All TDs)

99 Tim Lewis, 1984 vs Los Angeles Rams, TD
94 Rebel Steiner, 1950 vs Chicago Bears, TD
91 Hal Van Every, 1941 vs Pittsburgh, TD
90 LeRoy Butler, 1996 vs San Diego, TD
89 Darren Sharper, 2002 vs Miami, TD
88 Bob Summerhays, 1951 vs Philadelphia, TD

LONGEST RETURN WITH FUMBLE

88 Keith McKenzie, 1998 vs Pittsburgh, TD
76 Scott Stephen, 1989 vs Chicago
70 Mike Butler, 1979 vs Minnesota, TD
68 George Cumby, 1981 vs Tampa Bay
60 Henry Jordan, 1964 vs Dallas, TD

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passing

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED (Career)

5,988 Brett Favre, 1992-02, 11 sea.
3,149 Bart Starr, 1956-71, 16 sea.
2,831 Lynn Dickey, 1976-77, 79-85, 9 sea.
1,854 Tobin Rote, 1950-56, 7 sea.
1,607 Don Majkowski, 1987-92, 6 sea.

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED (One Season)

599 Don Majkowski, 1989
595 Brett Favre, 1999
582 Brett Favre, 1994
580 Brett Favre, 2000
570 Brett Favre, 1995
551 Brett Favre, 1998
551 Brett Favre, 2002
543 Brett Favre, 1996
522 Brett Favre, 1993
513 Brett Favre, 1997
510 Brett Favre, 2001

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED (One Game)

61 Brett Favre, 1996 vs San Francisco
59 Don Majkowski, 1989 vs Detroit
54 Brett Favre, 1993 vs Chicago
54 Randy Wright, 1986 vs San Francisco
53 Don Majkowski, 1989 vs Tampa Bay

MOST PASSES COMPLETED (Career)

3,652 Brett Favre, 1992-02, 11 sea.
1,808 Bart Starr, 1956-71, 16 sea.
1,592 Lynn Dickey, 1976-77, 79-85, 9 sea.
889 Don Majkowski, 1987-92, 6 sea.
826 Tobin Rote, 1950-56, 7 sea.

MOST PASSES COMPLETED (One Season)

363 Brett Favre, 1994, 582 attempts
359 Brett Favre, 1995, 570 attempts
353 Don Majkowski, 1989, 599 attempts
347 Brett Favre, 1998, 551 attempts
341 Brett Favre, 1999, 595 attempts
341 Brett Favre, 2002, 551 attempts

MOST PASSES COMPLETED (One Game)

36 Brett Favre, 1993 vs Chicago, 54 attempts
35 Lynn Dickey, 1980 vs Tampa Bay, 51 attempts
34 Don Majkowski, 1989 vs Detroit, 59 attempts
33 Brett Favre, 1992 vs Atlanta, 43 attempts
31 Brett Favre, 1994 vs Miami, 51 attempts
31 Brett Favre, 1995 vs Cincinnati, 43 attempts
31 Brett Favre, 1998 vs Minnesota, 39 attempts
31 Brett Favre, 2000 vs Chicago, 48 attempts
31 Brett Favre, 2000 vs Carolina, 51 attempts
31 Brett Favre, 2002 vs Detroit, 47 attempts

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED (Career)

186 Brett Favre, 1992-02, 11 sea.
151 Lynn Dickey, 1976-77, 79-85, 9 sea.
138 Bart Starr, 1956-71, 16 sea.
119 Tobin Rote, 1950-56, 7 sea.
90 Arnie Herber, 1930-40, 11 sea.

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED (One Season)

29 Lynn Dickey, 1983, 484 attempts
25 Lynn Dickey, 1980, 478 attempts
24 Brett Favre, 1993, 522 attempts
24 Tobin Rote, 1950, 224 attempts

MOST PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED (One Game)

6 Tom O'Malley, 1950 vs Detroit, 15 attempts
5 Cecil Isbell, 1938 vs New York Giants, 19 attempts
Jack Jacobs,1947 vs New York Giants, 24 attempts
Jack Jacobs, 1947 vs Philadelphia, 36 attempts
Tobin Rote, 1955 vs. Los Angeles Rams, 40 attempts
Bart Starr, 1967 vs Chicago Bears, 19 attempts
Randy Wright, 1986 vs New Orleans, 44 attempts
Don Majkowski, 1990 vs Tampa Bay, 42 attempts

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (Career)

42,285 Brett Favre, 1992-02, 11 sea.
24,718 Bart Starr, 1956-71, 16 sea.
21,369 Lynn Dickey, 1976-77, 79-85, 9 sea.
11,535 Tobin Rote, 1950-56, 7 sea.
10,870 Don Majkowski, 1987-92, 6 sea.

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (One Season)

4,458 Lynn Dickey, 1983, 289 comp.
4,413 Brett Favre, 1995, 359 comp.
4,318 Don Majkowski, 1989, 353 comp.
4,212 Brett Favre, 1998, 347 comp.
4,091 Brett Favre, 1999, 341 comp
3,921 Brett Favre, 2001, 314 comp.
3,899 Brett Favre, 1996, 325 comp.
3,882 Brett Favre, 1994, 363 comp.
3,867 Brett Favre, 1997, 304 comp.

MOST YARDS GAINED PASSING (One Game)

418 Lynn Dickey, 1980 vs Tampa Bay, 35 comp.
410 Don Horn, 1969 vs St. Louis, 22 comp.
402 Brett Favre, 1993 vs Chicago, 36 comp
395 Brett Favre, 1996 vs San Francisco, 28 comp.
390 Brett Favre, 1999 vs Tampa Bay, 22 comp.
388 Brett Favre, 1998 vs Carolina, 27 comp.

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES (Career)

314 Brett Favre, 1992-02, 11 sea.
152 Bart Starr, 1956-71, 16 sea.
133 Lynn Dickey, 1976-77, 1979-85, 9 sea.
89 Tobin Rote, 1950-56, 7 sea.
64 Arnie Herber, 1930-40, 11 sea.

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES (One Season)

39 Brett Favre, 1996
38 Brett Favre, 1995
35 Brett Favre, 1997
33 Brett Favre, 1994

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES (One Game)

5 Cecil Isbell, 1942 vs Chicago Cardinals
5 Don Horn, 1969 vs St. Louis
5 Lynn Dickey, 1981 vs New Orleans
5 Lynn Dickey, 1983 vs Houston
5 Brett Favre, 1995 vs Chicago
5 Brett Favre, 1997 vs Minnesota
5 Brett Favre, 1998 vs Carolina

BEST PASSING EFFICIENCY (Career)

60.9% Brett Favre, 1992-02, 11 sea.
57.4% Bart Starr, 1956-71, 16 sea.
56.2% Lynn Dickey, 1976-77, 1979-85, 9 sea.
55.3% Don Majkowski, 1987-92, 6 sea.
53.8% Randy Wright, 1984-88, 5 sea.

BEST PASSING EFFICIENCY (Season)

64.1% Brett Favre, 1992, 471 attempts, 302 comp.
63.7% Bart Starr, 1968, 171 attempts, 109 comp.
63.0% Brett Favre, 1995, 570 attempts, 359 comp.
63.0% Brett Favre, 1998, 551 attempts, 347 comp.
62.5% Bart Starr, 1962, 285 attempts, 178 comp.

BEST PASSING EFFICIENCY (One Game)

90.5% Lynn Dickey, vs New Orleans, 1981, 21/19 comp.

LONGEST COMPLETED PASS

99 Brett Favre to Robert Brooks, 1995 vs Chicago
96 Tobin Rote to Billy Grimes, 1950 vs San Francisco
95 Lynn Dickey to Steve Odom, 1977 vs Minnesota
92 Arnie Herber to Don Hutson, 1939 vs Chicago Cardinals
91 Bart Starr to Boyd Dowler, 1960 vs Los Angeles Rams

SHORTEST COMPLETED PASS

4 (Inches) Cecil Isbell to Don Hutson, 1942 vs Cleveland Rams

pass receiving

MOST PASSES CAUGHT (Career)

595 Sterling Sharpe, 1988-94, 7 sea.
530 James Lofton, 1978-86, 9 sea.
488 Don Hutson, 1935-45, 11 sea.
448 Boyd Dowler, 1959-69, 11 sea.

MOST PASSES CAUGHT (One Season)

112 Sterling Sharpe, 1993
108 Sterling Sharpe, 1992
102 Robert Brooks, 1995
94 Sterling Sharpe, 1994
90 Sterling Sharpe, 1989
84 Antonio Freeman, 1998
81 Antonio Freeman, 1997
78 Edgar Bennett, 1994

MOST PASSES CAUGHT (One Game)

14 Don Hutson, 1942 vs New York Giants, 134 yards
13 Don Hutson, 1942 vs Cleveland Rams, 209 yards
12 Ken Payne, 1975 vs Denver, 167 yards
Vince Workman, 1992 vs Minnesota, 50 yards
11 Don Hutson, 1944 vs Card-Pitt, 207 yards
Bob Mann, 1951 vs Los Angeles Rams, 123 yards
Bill Howton, 1954 vs Baltimore, 147 yards
Eddie Lee Ivery, 1980 vs Tampa Bay, 128 yards
Gerry Ellis,1981 vs Tampa Bay, 76 yards
James Lofton, 1984 vs Denver, 206 yards
Sterling Sharpe, 1992 vs NY Giants, 160 yards
Robert Brooks, 1995 vs Pittsburgh, 137 yards
Don Beebe, 1996 vs 49ers, 220 yards
Donald Driver, 2002 vs Detroit, 130 yards

MOST YARDS CATCHING PASSES (Career)

9,656 James Lofton, 1978-86, 9 seasons
8,134 Sterling Sharpe, 1988-94, 7 seasons
7,991 Don Hutson, 1935-45, 11 seasons
6,918 Boyd Dowler, 1959-69, 11 seasons
6,510 Antonio Freeman, 1995-01, 7 seasons

MOST YARDS CATCHING PASSES (One Season)

1,497 Robert Brooks, 1995
1,461 Sterling Sharpe, 1992
1,424 Antonio Freeman, 1998
1,423 Sterling Sharpe, 1989
1,361 James Lofton, 1984

MOST YARDS CATCHING PASSES (One Game)

257 Bill Howton, 1956 vs Los Angeles Rams (7 catches)
237 Don Hutson, 1943 vs Brooklyn (8 catches)
220 Don Beebe, 1996 vs San Francisco (11 catches)
209 Don Hutson, 1942 vs Cleveland Rams (13 catches)
207 Don Hutson, 1942 vs Chicago Cardinals (5 catches)
207 Don Hutson, 1944 vs Card-Pitt (11 catches)

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES CAUGHT (Career)

99 Don Hutson, 1935-45, 11 seasons
65 Sterling Sharpe, 1988-94, 7 seasons
57 Antonio Freeman, 1995-01, 7 seasons
50 Max McGee, 1954, 1957-67, 12 seasons
49 James Lofton, 1978-86, 9 seasons
43 Bill Howton, 1952-58, 7 seasons

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES CAUGHT (One Season)

18 Sterling Sharpe, 1994
17 Don Hutson, 1942
14 Antonio Freeman, 1998
13 Robert Brooks, 1995
13 Bill Howton, 1952
13 Sterling Sharpe, 1992
12 Sterling Sharpe, 1989
12 Bill Howton, 1956
12 Antonio Freeman, 1997

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES CAUGHT (One Game)

4 Don Hutson, 1945 vs Detroit
4 Sterling Sharpe, 1993 vs Tampa Bay; 1994 vs Dallas
3 Don Hutson, (6 times)
Johnny Blood, 1931 vs Providence
Andy Uram, 1942 vs Chicago Cardinals
Bob Mann, 1951 vs Philadelphia
Bill Howton, 1952 vs Detroit
Max McGee, 1954 vs Philadelphia; 1963 vs LA Rams
James Lofton, 1978 vs New Orleans
James Lofton, 1983 vs Pittsburgh
Sterling Sharpe, 1994 vs Tampa Bay
Keith Jackson, 1996 vs Tampa Bay
Antonio Freeman, 1996 vs Denver
Derrick Mayes, 1998 vs Carolina
Antonio Freeman, 1998 vs Tennessee

scoring

MOST POINTS SCORED (Career)

823 Don Hutson, 1935-45, 11 sea. (105 TD, 172 PAT, 7 FG)
820 Chris Jacke, 1989-96, 8 sea. (301 PAT, 173 FG)
760 Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 64-66, 9 sea. (62 TD, 190 PAT, 66 FG)
724 Ryan Longwell, 1997-02, 6 sea. (247 PAT, 159 FG)

MOST POINTS SCORED (One Season)
176 Paul Hornung, 1960 (15 TD, 41 PAT, 15 FG)
146 Paul Hornung, 1961 (10 TD, 41 PAT, 15 FG)
138 Don Hutson, 1942 (17 TD, 33 PAT, 1 FG)
131 Ryan Longwell, 2000 (32 PAT, 33 FG)
128 Chester Marcol, 1972 (29 PAT, 33 FG)
128 Chris Jacke, 1993 (35 PAT, 31 FG)
128 Ryan Longwell, 1998 (41 PAT, 29 FG)
128 Ryan Longwell, 2002 (44 PAT, 28 FG)

MOST POINTS SCORED (One Game)
33 Paul Hornung, 1961 vs Baltimore (4 TD, 6 PAT, 1 FG)
31 Don Hutson, 1945 vs Detroit (4 TD, 7 PAT)
30 Paul Hornung, 1965 vs Baltimore (5 TD)
28 Paul Hornung, 1962 vs Minnesota (3 TD, 4 PAT, 2 FG)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS (Career)
105 Don Hutson, 1935-45, 11 sea.
91 Jim Taylor, 1958-66, 9 sea.
66 Sterling Sharpe, 1988-94, 7 sea.
62 Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 64-66, 9 sea.
57 Antonio Freeman, 1995-01, 7 sea.
51 Verne Lewellen, 1924-32, 9 sea.
51 Max McGee, 1954, 1957-67, 12 sea.

MOST TOUCHDOWNS (One Season)
19 Jim Taylor, 1962
18 Sterling Sharpe, 1994
17 Don Hutson, 1942
16 Jim Taylor, 1961

MOST TOUCHDOWNS (One Game)
5 Paul Hornung, 1965 vs Baltimore
4 Don Hutson, 1945 vs Detroit
Paul Hornung,1961 vs Baltimore
Jim Taylor (3 times), 1961 vs Cleveland; 1962 vs Chicago Bears; 1962 vs Philadelphia
Donny Anderson, 1967 vs Cleveland
Terdell Middleton, 1978 vs Seattle
Sterling Sharpe, 1993 vs Tampa Bay
Sterling Sharpe, 1994 vs Dallas
Dorsey Levens, 1999 vs Arizona
Sterling Sharpe, 1993 vs Tampa Bay; 1994 Dallas

field goals

MOST FIELD GOALS (Career)
173 Chris Jacke, 1989-96, 8 sea.
159 Ryan Longwell, 1997-02, 6 sea.
120 Chester Marcol, 1972-80, 9 sea.
66 Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 64-66, 9 sea.
59 Jan Stenerud, 1980-83, 4 sea.

MOST FIELD GOALS (One Season)
33 Ryan Longwell, 2000, 38 attempts
33 Chester Marcol, 1972, 48 attempts
31 Chris Jacke, 1993, 37 attempts
29 Ryan Longwell, 1998, 33 attempts
28 Ryan Longwell, 2002, 34 attempts

MOST FIELD GOALS (One Game)
5 Chris Jacke, (2 times) 1990 vs Los Angeles Raiders; 1996 vs San Francisco
Ryan Longwell, 2000 vs Arizona
4 Chris Jacke, (5 times) 1989 vs Chicago; 1992 vs Tampa Bay, 1993 vs New Orleans and Detroit; 1994 vs Chicago
Chester Marcol (5 times), 1972 vs Cleveland and Detroit; 1973 vs St. Louis; 1974 vs Detroit and Minnesota
Jan Stenerud (3 times),1981 vs New York Giants; 1982 vs Buffalo; 1983 vs Tampa Bay
Paul Hornung (2 times), 1961 vs Minnesota; 1960 vs Pittsburgh
Al Del Greco (2 times), 1985 vs Detroit; 1986 vs Chicago
Jerry Kramer, 1963 vs Pittsburgh
Tom Birney, 1979 vs Detroit
Max Zendejas, 1988 vs Minnesota
Ryan Longwell, 1998 vs Chicago; 1999 vs Tampa Bay and Detroit; 2000 vs Detroit and Minnesota; 2002 vs Detroit

LONGEST FIELD GOAL
54 yards Chris Jacke, 1993 vs Detroit
54 yards Ryan Longwell, 2001 vs Tennessee
53 yards Jan Stenerud, 1981 vs Tampa Bay
Chris Jacke, 1990 vs LA Rams; 1991 vs NY Jets; 1992 vs Detroit; 1996 vs San Francisco
Chris Jacke, 1996 vs San Francisco

points after td's

MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN (Career)
301 Chris Jacke, 1989-96, 8 sea.
247 Ryan Longwell, 1997-02, 6 sea.
200 Fred Cone, 1951-57, 7 sea.
190 Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 64-66, 9 sea.
172 Don Hutson, 1935-45, 11 sea.

MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN (One Season)
52 Jan Stenerud, 1983
51 Chris Jacke, 1996
48 Ryan Longwell, 1997
44 Ryan Longwell, 2001
44 Ryan Longwell, 2002
43 Jerry Kramer, 1963
43 Chris Jacke, 1995

MOST POINTS AFTER TOUCHDOWN (One Game)
8 Don Chandler, 1966 vs Atlanta
7 Paul Hornung (2 times), 1961 vs Cleveland; 1962 vs Chicago
Don Hutson, 1945 vs Detroit
Jerry Kramer, 1962 vs Philadelphia
Don Chandler, 1967 vs Cleveland
Jan Stenerud, 1983 vs Tampa Bay
Ryan Longwell, 1999 vs Arizona

punting

MOST PUNTS (Career)
495 David Beverly, 1975-80, 6 sea.
368 Don Bracken, 1985-90, 6 sea.
315 Donny Anderson, 1966-71, 6 sea.

MOST PUNTS (One Season)
106 David Beverly, 1978
86 David Beverly, 1980
86 Paul McJulien, 1991

MOST PUNTS (One Game)
11 Clarke Hinkle, 1933 vs Chicago Bears, Avg. 37
11 Jug Girard, 1950 vs Los Angeles Rams, Avg. 36.5
11 Jug Girard, 1950 vs Chicago Bears, Avg. 38
10 Jack Jacobs, 1948 vs Chicago Bears, Avg. 39.2
Roy McKay, 1946 vs Philadelphia, Avg 42.1
Max McGee, 1959 vs New York Giants, Avg. 43.7
Don Chandler, 1965 vs Dallas, Avg. 40.0
David Beverly, 1976 vs Cincinnati, Avg. 36.6
David Beverly, 1978 vs Minnesota, Avg. 30.5
David Beverly, 1978 vs Chicago, Avg. 30.7
Don Bracken, 1987 vs L.A. Raiders, Avg. 48.9
Craig Hentrich, 1994 vs Minnesota, Avg. 46.0

BEST PUNTING AVERAGE (One Season)
45.0 Craig Hentrich, 1997, 75 punts
44.7 Jerry Norton, 1963, 51 punts
44.5 Clarke Hinkle, 1941, 22 punts

LONGEST PUNT
90 yards Don Chandler, 1965
78 yards Jack Jacobs, 1948
75 yards Boyd Dowler (2 times), 1961, 1962

PUNT RETURNS
Most Punt Returns (Career)
187 Willie Wood, 1960-71 (1,391 yrds)
100 Al Carmichael, 1953-58 (753 yrds)
100 Phillip Epps, 1982-88 (819 yrds)
87 Walter Stanley, 1985-88 (720 yrds)

Most Punt Returns (Season)
58 Desmond Howard, 1996 (875 yrds)
44 Roell Preston, 1998 (398 yrds)
40 Robert Brooks, 1994 (352 yrds)
37 Johnnie Gray, 1976 (307 yrds)
37 Antonio Freeman, 1995 (292 yrds)

Most Punt Returns (Game)
8 Phillip Epps, vs Minnesota, 1982 (49 yds)
7 Johnnie Gray, vs Minnesota, 1976 (30 yds)
7 Robert Brooks, vs New England,1994 (34 yds)
7 Desmond Howard, vs San Diego, 1996 (118 yds)

kick off returns

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS (Career)
179 Steve Odom, 1974-79 (4,124 yrds)
153 Al Carmichael, 1953-58 (3,907 yrds)
120 Herb Adderley, 1961-69 (3,080 yrds)
77 Travis Williams, 1967-70 (2,058 yrds)
75 Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 1946-52 (1,736 yrds)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS (Season)
57 Roell Preston, 1998 (1,497 yrds)
50 Allen Rossum, 2000 (1,288 yrds)
46 Dave Hampton, 1971 (1,314 yrds)
42 Steve Odom, 1975 (1,034 yrds)
41 Harlan Huckleby, 1983 (757 yrds)

MOST KICKOFF RETURNS (Game)
8 Harlan Huckleby, vs Washington, 1983 (208 yrds)
8 Gary Ellerson, vs St. Louis, 1985 (164 yrds)
8 Roell Preston, vs Minnesota, 1998 (256 yrds)
7 Steve Odom, vs Detroit, 1974 (160 yrds)
7 Roell Preston, vs Indianapolis, 1997 (211 yrds)

pass interceptions

MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED (Career)
52 Bobby Dillon, 1952-59, 8 sea.
48 Willie Wood, 1960-71, 12 sea.
39 Herb Adderley, 1961-69, 9 sea.
38 LeRoy Butler, 1990-01, 12 sea.

MOST PASSES INTERCEPTED (One Season)
10 Irv Comp, 1943
9 Bobby Dillon (3 times), 1953, 1955, 1957
Willie Buchanon, 1978
Tom Flynn, 1984
Bob Forte, 1947
Mark Lee, 1986
Darren Sharper, 2000
John Symank, 1957
Willie Wood, 1962

MOST INTERCEPTIONS (One Game)
4 Bobby Dillon, vs Detroit, 1953
4 Willie Buchanon, vs San Diego, 1978

MOST TOUCHDOWNS (Career)
7 Herb Adderley, 1961-69
5 Bobby Dillon, 1952-59
3 Charley Brock, 1939-47
3 Doug Hart, 1964-71
3 Ken Ellis, 1970-75
3 Darren Sharper, 1997-02

MOST TOUCHDOWNS (One Season)
3 Herb Adderley, 1965
2 Don Perkins, 1944
2 Charley Brock, 1945
2 Bob Jeter, 1966
2 Darren Sharper, 1997
2 Marques Anderson, 2002

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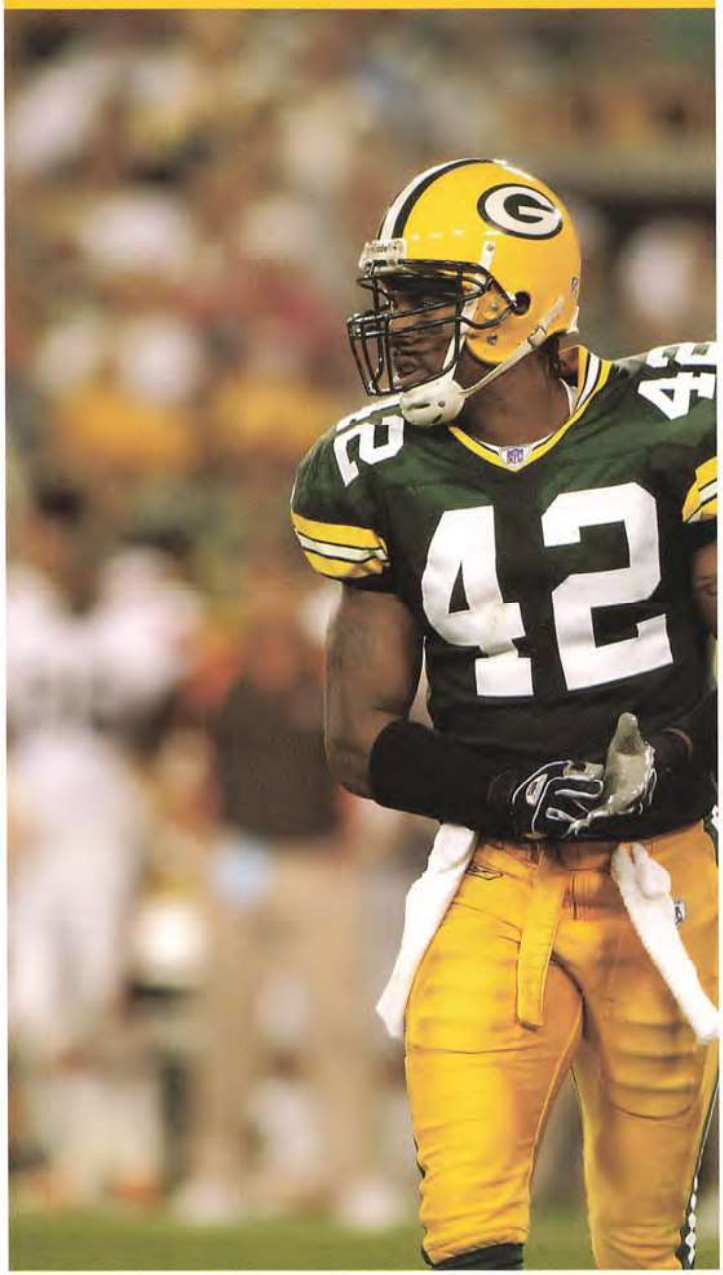

2002 individual packers defensive statistics

Player	Total Tackles	Solo	Asst.	Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum. Rec.	Forced Fum.	Pass Def.
Nate Wayne	132	94	38	2.5/16.0	3/32	2	3	6
Na'il Diggs	111	83	28	3.0/21.0	2/62	2	1	7
Hardy Nickerson	108	66	42	1.5/9.0	0/0	0	0	2
Darren Sharper	80	54	26	0.0/0.0	7/233	0	0	10
Tyrone Williams	71	60	11	1.0/4.0	1/0	0	3	11
Mike McKenzie	64	46	18	1.0/9.0	2/0	1	0	15
Marques Anderson	61	41	20	0.0/0.0	4/114	2	0	7
Cletidus Hunt	48	32	16	5.5/29.0	0/0	2	1	4
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	45	34	11	12.0/78.0	1/72	1	4	4
Tod McBride	43	37	6	0.0/0.0	1/0	2	1	8
Matt Bowen	42	27	15	0.0/0.0	1/0	0	1	7
Antuan Edwards	42	26	16	1.0/4.0	0/0	1	1	6
Gilbert Brown	36	23	13	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	1
Vonnie Holliday	26	17	9	6.0/31.0	1/3	0	3	4
Aaron Kampman	26	12	14	0.5/5.0	0/0	0	0	2
Rod Walker	25	18	7	0.0/0.0	0/0	2	1	2
Billy Lyon	19	12	7	2.0/8.0	0/0	0	0	0
Steve Warren	19	10	9	1.0/3.0	0/0	0	1	2
Joe Johnson	17	8	9	2.0/3.0	0/0	1	1	1
Jamal Reynolds	9	5	4	1.0/2.0	0/0	2	0	0
Keith McKenzie	6	3	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Darrien Gordon	5	4	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Todd Franz	5	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	0	0
Paris Lenon	4	3	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Bryant Westbrook	3	3	0	0.0/0.0	1/0	0	0	3
Torrance Marshall	2	1	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Marcus Wilkins	2	1	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jared Tomich	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	0
Bhawoh Jue	0	0	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1

Defensive Touchdowns: Marques Anderson, 78-yard interception return at Detroit (9/22) AND 14-yard interception return vs. Detroit (11/10); Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, 72-yard interception return at Chicago (10/7); Darren Sharper, 89-yard interception return vs. Miami (11/4).

Special Teams Tackles: Lenon 22 (16-6), Marshall 21 (13-8), Bowen 18 (14-4), McBride 13 (12-1), Fisher 13 (11-2), Henderson 13 (7-6), Carter 12 (7-5), Ferguson 9 (7-2), Wilkins 8 (6-2), R.Davis 7 (3-4), Edwards 6 (3-3), Gordon 5 (4-1), Davenport 4 (3-1), Westbrook 4 (3-1), Bailey 4 (2-2), T.Davis 2 (2-0), Martin 2 (1-1), Franz 2 (0-2), Anderson 1 (1-0), Diggs 1 (1-0), Gbaja-Biamila 1 (1-0), K.McKenzie 1 (1-0), M.McKenzie 1 (1-0), Reynolds 1 (1-0), Smith 1 (1-0), J.Walker 1 (1-0), Graham 1 (0-1), Jue 1 (0-1), Swiney 1 (1-0).

Miscellaneous Tackles: Donald Driver 4, Javon Walker 4, Mike Wahle 3, Brett Favre 2, Bubba Franks 2, Ahman Green 2, Marco Rivera 2, Frank Winters 2, Chad Clifton 1, Earl Dotson 1, Tony Fisher 1, Mike Flanagan 1.

2002 final packers statistics

Team Figures	Packers	Opponents
Total First Downs	*318*	*294*
Rushing	94	122
Passing	197	143
Penalty	27	29
3rd Down: Made/Att	87/225	65/192
3rd Down Pct	38.7	33.9
4th Down: Made/Att	7/13	6/16
4th Down Pct	53.8	37.5
Possession average	31:50	28:10
Total Net Yards	*5560*	*4985*
Avg. Per Game	347.5	311.6
Total Plays	1058	987
Avg. Per Play	5.3	5.1
Net Yards Rushing	*1933*	*1998*
Avg. Per Game	120.8	124.9
Total Rushes	451	413

Team Figures	Packers	Opponents
Net Yards Passing	*3627*	*2987*
Avg Per Game	226.7	186.7
Sacked/Yards Lost	27/196	43/241
Gross Yards	3823	3228
Att/Completions	580/361	531/287
Completion Pct.	62.2	54.0
Had Intercepted	16	24
Punts/Average	*79/41.7*	*76/41.3*
Net Punting Average	*79/35.7*	*76/38.2*
Penalties/Yards	*108/913*	*98/945*
Fumbles/Ball Lost	*28/12*	*39/21*
Touchdowns	*45*	*40*
Rushing	12	14
Passing	29	24
Returns	4	2

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Donald Driver	70	1064	15.2	85 t	9
Ahman Green	57	393	6.9	23 t	2
Terry Glenn	56	817	14.6	49	2
Bubba Franks	54	442	8.2	20 t	7
William Henderson	26	168	6.5	17	3
Javon Walker	23	319	13.9	30	1
Robert Ferguson	22	293	13.3	40 t	3
Tony Fisher	18	70	3.9	11	0
Tyrone Davis	9	107	11.9	24	1
David Martin	8	33	4.1	7	1
Rondell Mealey	7	45	6.4	11	0
Najeh Davenport	5	33	6.6	13	0
Karsten Bailey	3	26	8.7	10	0
Jay Graham	2	6	3.0	4	0
Mike Wahle	1	7	7.0	7	0
PACKERS	361	3823	10.6	85 t	29
OPPONENTS	287	3228	11.2	64 t	24

Passing	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	Cmp%	TD	Int
Brett Favre	551	341	3658	61.9	27	16
Doug Pederson	28	19	134	67.9	1	0
Bubba Franks	1	1	31	100.0	1	0
PACKERS	580	361	3823	62.2	29	16
OPPONENTS	531	287	3228	54.0	24	24

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Darren Sharper	7	233	33.3	89 t	1
Marques Anderson	4	114	28.5	78 t	2
Nate Wayne	3	32	10.7	25	0
Na'il Diggs	2	62	31.0	33	1
Mike McKenzie	2	0	0.0	0	0
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	1	72	72.0	72 t	1
Vonnie Holliday	1	3	3.0	3	0
Matt Bowen	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tod McBride	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bryant Westbrook	1	0	0.0	0	0
Tyrone Williams	1	0	0.0	0	0
PACKERS	24	516	21.5	89 t	4
OPPONENTS	16	327	20.4	65	0

Scoring	Ru.	Pa.	Rt.	K-PAT	FG.	PTS
Ryan Longwell	0	0	0	44/44	28/34	128
Donald Driver	0	9	0			54
Ahman Green	7	2	0			54
Bubba Franks	0	7	0			42
William Henderson	1	3	0			24
Robert Ferguson	0	3	0			18
Marques Anderson	0	0	2			12
Tony Fisher	2	0	0			12
Terry Glenn	0	2	0			12
Najeh Davenport	1	0	0			6
Tyrone Davis	0	1	0			6
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	0	0	1			6
David Martin	0	1	0			6
Rondell Mealey	1	0	0			6
Darren Sharper	0	0	1			6
Javon Walker	0	1	0			6
PACKERS	12	29	4	44/44	28/34	398
OPPONENTS	14	24	2	36/37	16/22	328

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Javon Walker	35	769	22.0	55	0
Najeh Davenport	6	130	21.7	27	0
Robert Ferguson	6	113	18.8	25	0
Darrien Gordon	4	53	13.3	19	0
J.J. Moses	4	69	17.3	27	0
Tony Carter	2	42	21.0	25	0
Tony Fisher	2	42	21.0	21	0
Keith McKenzie	2	25	12.5	18	0
Eric Metcalf	2	41	20.5	21	0
PACKERS	63	1284	20.4	55	0
OPPONENTS	83	1800	21.7	51	0

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Ahman Green	286	1240	4.3	43	7
Tony Fisher	70	283	4.0	28	2
Najeh Davenport	39	184	4.7	43	1
Brett Favre	25	73	2.9	17	0
Donald Driver	8	70	8.8	17	0
Rondell Mealey	11	36	3.3	18	1
William Henderson	7	27	3.9	10	1
Javon Walker	1	11	11.0	11	0
Eric Metcalf	2	7	3.5	5	0
Jay Graham	1	3	3.0	3	0
Doug Pederson	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
PACKERS	451	1933	4.3	43	12
OPPONENTS	413	1998	4.8	62	14

Punt Returns	Ret.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Darrien Gordon	35	9	180	5.1	27	0
J.J. Moses	5	0	12	2.4	8	0
Eric Metcalf	3	0	-1	-0.3	0	0
Tony Carter	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Antuan Edwards	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Darren Sharper	1	2	0	0.0	0	0
Donald Driver	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
PACKERS	46	11	191	4.2	27	0
OPPONENTS	41	22	357	8.7	72 t	1

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG	Blk.
Josh Bidwell	79	3296	41.7	6	26	57	0
PACKERS	79	3296	41.7	6	26	57	0
OPPONENTS	76	3135	41.3	2	27	84	0

2002 season review

Preseason					Attend.
Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002	(L)	Philadelphia Eagles	13-20	at Philadelphia	58,546
Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002	(W)	Arizona Cardinals	29-21	at Arizona	35,716
Monday, Aug. 26, 2002	(W)	Cleveland Browns	27-20	at Green Bay	62,668
Friday, Aug. 30, 2002	(W)	Tennessee Titans	21-20	at Green Bay	62,485

Total Points: GB 90, Opp 81
Average Points: GB 22.5, Opp 20.25

Preseason Attendance: Total 219,415, Average 54,854

Regular Season					
Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002	(W)	Atlanta Falcons	37-34	at Green Bay	63,127
Sunday, Sept. 15, 2002	(L)	New Orleans Saints	20-35	at New Orleans	67,958
Sunday, Sept. 22, 2002	(W)	Detroit Lions	37-31	at Detroit	61,505
Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002	(W)	Carolina Panthers	17-14	at Green Bay	63,329
Monday, Oct. 7, 2002	(W)	Chicago Bears	34-21	at Chicago	63,226
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2002	(W)	New England Patriots	28-10	at New England	68,436
Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002	(W)	Washington Redskins	30-9	at Green Bay	63,363
Monday, Nov. 4, 2002	(W)	Miami Dolphins	24-10	at Green Bay	63,284
Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002	(W)	Detroit Lions	40-14	at Green Bay	63,313
Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002	(L)	Minnesota Vikings	21-31	at Minnesota	64,153
Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002	(L)	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7-21	at Tampa Bay	65,672
Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002	(W)	Chicago Bears	30-20	at Green Bay	64,196
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002	(W)	Minnesota Vikings	26-22	at Green Bay	64,070
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002	(W)	San Fransisco 49ers	20-14	at San Fransisco	67,947
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002	(W)	Buffalo Bills	10-0	at Green Bay	64,106
Sunday, Dec 29, 2002	(L)	New York Jets	17-42	at New York	78,733

Total Points: GB 398, Opp 328
Average Points: GB 24.8, Opp 82

Regualr Season Attendance: Total 1,046,418, Average 65,401
Home Game Attendance: Total 508,788, Average 63,598
Away Game Attendance: Total 537,630, Average 67,203

Post Season					
Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003	(L)	Atlanta Falcons	7-27	at Green Bay	65,358

game 1 ok in ot

Atlanta Falcons	0	21	3	10	0	34
Green Bay Packers	3	10	14	7	3	37

GB R.Longwell 28 yd. Field Goal (15-77, 8:45)
AL M.Vick 2 yd. run (J.Feely kick) (12-79, 7:42)
AL W.Dunn 3 yd. run (J.Feely kick) (4-28, 2:31)
GB 3 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (6-80, 2:49)
AL A.Crumpler 2 yd. pass from M.Vick (J.Feely kick) (5-68, 3:01)
GB R.Longwell 42 yd. Field Goal (9-56, 1:15)
GB R.Mealey 2 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (4-59, 2:12)
AL J.Feely 21 yd. Field Goal (15-76, 7:24)
GB J.Walker 13 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (7-67, 4:54)
AL W.Dunn 2 yd. run (J.Feely kick) (6-45, 3:36)
GB W.Henderson 1 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (14-80, 6:57)
AL J.Feely 52 yd. Field Goal (6-35, 1:05)
GB R.Longwell 34 yd. Field Goal (7-44, 4:15)

	Falcons	Packers
Total First Downs	22	29
Total Offensive Plays	57	76
Net Yards Rushing	180	211
Net Yards Passing	194	273
Pass Att-Comp-Int	23-15-0	36-25-0
Punts Number and Average	3-39.0	2-36.0
No. and Yards Punt Returns	1-36	0-0
Penalties Number and Yards	4-82	3-15
Time of Possession	30:55	38:50

Rushing

GB-A.Green 27-155, R.Mealey 5-30, J.Walker 1-11, N.Davenport 2-8, B.Favre 2-6, W.Henderson 1-1. AL-M.Vick 9-72, W.Dunn 15-69, T.Duckett 6-39.

Passing

GB-B. Favre atts, 25 comp, 284 yds, 2 TD, 0 int. AL-M.Vick 23 atts, 15 comp, 209 yds, 1 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-D.Driver 7-78, A.Green 6-42, J.Walker 4-56, T.Glenn 2-60, W.Henderson 2-23, D.Martin 2-7, R.Mealey 1-11, B.Franks 1-7. AL-W.Jackson 4-73, W.Dunn 4-19, B.Finneran 2-20, A.Crumpler 2-14, B.Christian 1-55, S.Jefferson 1-28, T.Duckett 1-0.

Interceptions

GB-0. AL-0.

Fumbles

GB-M.McKenzie.
AL-K.Carpenter.

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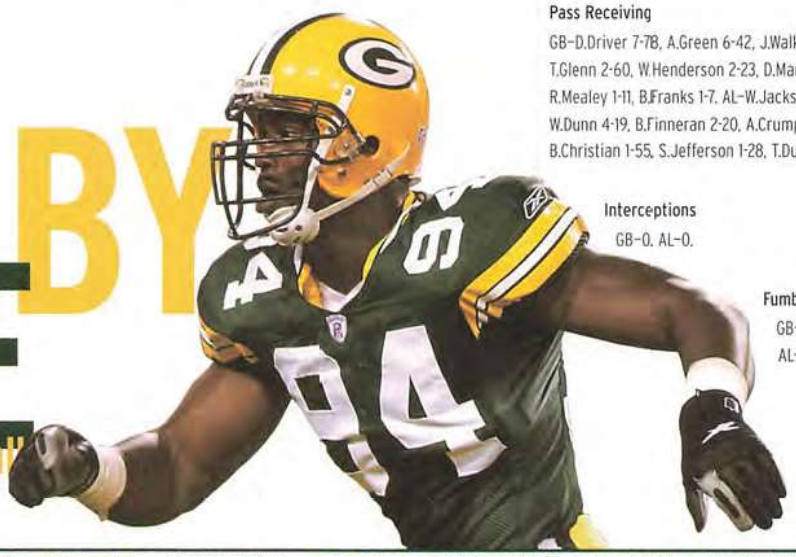

game 2 big easy?

Green Bay Packers	0	10	7	3	0	20
New Orleans Saints	7	14	7	7	0	35

NO D.McAllister 4 yd. run (J.Carney kick) (11-68, 5:41)
GB R.Longwell 27 yd. Field Goal (15-71, 7:31)
NO J.Pathon 5 yd. pass from A.Brooks (J.Carney kick) (5-21, 2:53)
NO D.Stallworth 34 yd. pass from A.Brooks (J.Carney kick) (4-52, 1:16)
GB T.Glenn 14 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (1-14, 0:08)
NO K.Craver 38 yd. fumble return (J.Carney kick)
GB D.Driver 26 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (6-71, 2:31)
GB R.Longwell 36 yd. Field Goal (12-51, 6:03)
NO D.McAllister 2 yd. run (J.Carney kick) (4-73, 2:31)

	Packers	Saints
Total First Downs	18	16
Total Offensive Plays	66	57
Net Yards Rushing	95	146
Net Yards Passing	262	211
Pass Att-Comp-Int	44-29-	28-16-2
Punts Number and Average	4-53.3	4-40.5
No. and Yards Punt Returns	2-0	4-44
Penalties Number and Yards	7-73	9-59
Time of Possession	30:26	29:34

Rushing

GB-A.Green 17-81, B.Favre 3-15, R.Mealey 1-minus 1. NO-D.McAllister 21-123, A.Brooks 5-13, J.Fenderson 1-11, T.Smith 1-minus 1.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 44 atts, 29 comp, 270 yds, 2 TD, 1 int. NO-A.Brooks 28 atts, 16 comp, 217 yds, 2 TD, 2 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-T.Glenn 9-81, A.Green 6-53, D.Driver 4-51, R.Mealey 3-10, D.Martin 2-4, J.Walker 1-27, B.Franks 1-13, R.Ferguson 1-12, W.Henderson 1-12, M.Wahle 1-7. NO-J.Horn 6-120, D.Stallworth 4-59, J.Pathon 2-12, T.Smith 2-2, D.Sloan 1-20, D.McAllister 1-4.

Interceptions

GB-D.Sharper, M.McKenzie. NO-Da.Smith.

Fumbles

GB-0. NO-C.Clemons, K.Craver, S.Hodge.

game 3 fun at 'ford'

Green Bay Packers	7	10	14	6	0	37
Detroit Lions	7	10	0	14	0	31

DE A.Hakim 72 yd. punt return (J.Hanson kick)
GB M.Anderson 78 yd. interception return (R.Longwell kick)
GB D.Driver 21 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (10-82, 6:14)
DE J.Hanson 33 yd. Field Goal (4--5, 0:56)
GB R.Longwell 46 yd. Field Goal (12-53, 4:45)
DE L.Warren 39 yd. pass from J.Harrington (J.Hanson kick) (4-64, 2:02)
GB R.Ferguson 8 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (12-72, 7:04)
GB B.Franks 3 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (4-41, 1:29)
GB R.Longwell 34 yd. Field Goal (11-44, 4:44)
DE C.Schlesinger 1 yd. run (J.Hanson kick) (4-45, 2:04)
DE J.Stewart 52 yd. pass from J.Harrington (J.Hanson kick) (8-95, 2:02)
GB R.Longwell 47 yd. Field Goal (4-6, 0:22)

	Packers	Lions
Total First Downs	22	14
Total Offensive Plays	79	57
Net Yards Rushing	95	95
Net Yards Passing	347	176
Pass Att-Comp-Int	47-31-1	35-15-4
Punts Number and Average	4-40.8	5-44.6
No. and Yards Punt Returns	5-15	2-72
Penalties Number and Yards	12-88	4-24
Time of Possession	38:54	21:06

Rushing

GB-N.Davenport 22-84, R.Mealey 5-7, T.Fisher 3-5, B.Favre 1-minus 1. DE-J.Stewart 14-88, L.Warren 1-0, C.Schlesinger 5-12, A.Hakim 1-minus 5.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 47 atts, 31 comp, 357 yds, 3 TD, 1 int. DE-J.Harrington 35 atts, 15 comp, 182 yds, 2 TD, 4 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-B.Franks 9-62, D.Driver 5-94, T.Glenn 4-55, N.Davenport 4-31, R.Mealey 3-24, R.Ferguson 2-45, J.Walker 1-20, T.Fisher 1-11, K.Bailey 1-10, D.Martin 1-5. DE-A.Hakim 5-41, L.Warren 3-43, J.Stewart 2-56, S.Anderson 2-21, C.Schlesinger 2-14, M.Ricks 1-7.

Interceptions

GB-M.Anderson, D.Sharper, M.McKenzie, T.McBride. DE-C.Claiborne.

Fumbles

GB-M.Anderson, DE-C.Cash, R.Porcher.

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Carolina Panthers	7	0	0	7	0	14
Green Bay Packers	3	7	0	7	0	17

GB R.Longwell 30 yd. Field Goal (11-73, 5:07)
CA L.Smith 3 yd. run (S.Graham kick) (8-83, 4:50)
GB D.Driver 31 yd. pass from B.Franks (R.Longwell kick) (6-70, 2:04)
CA L.Smith 2 yd. run (S.Graham kick) (5-53, 2:51)
GB D.Driver 22 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (4-65, 2:19)

	Panthers	Packers
Total First Downs	18	17
Total Offensive Plays	63	59
Net Yards Rushing	139	99
Net Yards Passing	193	199
Pass Att-Comp-Int	24-10-0	33-19-1
Punts Number and Average	7-47.1	8-42.6
No. and Yards Punt Returns	5-31	7-43
Penalties Number and Yards	7-77	10-83
Time of Possession	31:37	28:23

Rushing

GB-A.Green 17-73, D.Driver 1-15, N.Davenport 3-12, B.Favre 1-minus 1. CA-L.Smith 22-66, D.Brown 9-52, B.Hoover 3-22, R.Peete 1-minus 1.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 32 atts, 18 comp, 200 yds, 1 TD, 1 int. B.Franks 1 att, 1 comp, 31 yds, 1 TD, 0 int. CA-R.Peete 24 atts, 10 comp, 202 yds, 0 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-D.Driver 5-97, R.Ferguson 5-58, B.Franks 4-33, K.Bailey 2-16, T.Glenn 1-17, A.Green 1-8, N.Davenport 1-2. CA-S.Smith 5-116, K.Mangum 2-17, K.Hankton 1-31, B.Hoover 1-31, L.Smith 1-7.

Interceptions

GB-0. CA-D.Morgan.

Fumbles

GB-J.Johnson, T.McBride, J.Reynolds. CA-0.

game 5 over-bearing

Green Bay Packers	14	10	7	3	0	34
Chicago Bears	7	7	0	7	0	21

GB D.Driver 85 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (1-85, 0:12)
GB T.Davis 19 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (10-76, 5:14)
CH M.Booker 4 yd. pass from J.Miller (P.Edinger kick) (3-37, 1:39)
GB B.Franks 5 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (8-74, 3:51)
CH J.Davis 1 yd. pass from J.Miller (P.Edinger kick) (3-4, 0:56)
GB R.Longwell 49 yd. Field Goal (6-32, 0:38)
GB K.Gbaja-Biamila 72 yd. interception return (R.Longwell kick)
GB R.Longwell 35 yd. Field Goal (7-48, 2:44)
CH J.Davis 21 yd. pass from J.Miller (P.Edinger kick) (9-62, 2:12)

	Packers	Bears
Total First Downs	20	20
Total Offensive Plays	66	69
Net Yards Rushing	124	45
Net Yards Passing	333	335
Pass Att-Comp-Int	33-22-0	50-27-3
Punts Number and Average	5-46.0	5-45.2
No. and Yards Punt Returns	5-17	3-34
Penalties Number and Yards	5-49	7-65
Time of Possession	31:04	28:56

Rushing

GB-A.Green 27-107, D.Driver 1-13, N.Davenport 1-3, B.Favre 1-1. CH-A.Thomas 15-45, L.Johnson 1-0.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 33 atts, 22 comp, 359 yds, 3 TD, 0 int. CH-J.Miller 49 atts, 27 comp, 353 yds, 3 TD, 3 int. B.Urlacher 1 atts, 0 comp, 0 yds, 0 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-T.Glenn 8-154, D.Driver 4-120, A.Green 4-21, T.Davis 2-30, J.Walker 2-24, B.Franks 1-5, W.Henderson 1-5. CH-.Booker 12-141, D.White 6-70, D.Terrell 3-77, J.Davis 3-33, D.Lyman 1-21, M.Robinson 1-9, A.Thomas 1-2.

Interceptions

GB-K.Gbaja-Biamila, N.Wayne, D.Sharper. CH-0.

Fumbles

GB-T.McBride. CH-M.Brown.

game 6 pat's 'picked'

Green Bay Packers	0	14	7	7	0	28
New England Patriots	0	3	0	7	0	10

NE A.Vinatieri 32 yd. Field Goal (10-50, 3:58)
GB W.Henderson 3 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (12-76, 5:50)
GB A.Green 8 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (1-8, 0:05)
GB B.Franks 2 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (7-94, 4:05)
GB A.Green 1 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (7-65, 4:16)
NE D.Givens 4 yd. pass from T.Brady (A.Vinatieri kick) (6-44, 2:03)

	Packers	Patriots
Total First Downs	20	20
Total Offensive Plays	64	68
Net Yards Rushing	158	123
Net Yards Passing	143	166
Pass Att-Comp-Int	27-17-0	44-24-3
Punts Number and Average	6-43.0	3-39.7
No. and Yards Punt Returns	1-0	4-38
Penalties Number and Yards	5-60	12-126
Time of Possession	32:13	27:47

Rushing

GB-A.Green 31-136, T.Fisher 3-12, B.Favre 1-5, D.Driver 1-5. NE-A.Smith 13-75, T.Brady 5-26, K.Faulk 3-20, M.Edwards 1-2.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 27 atts, 17 comp, 147 yds, 3 TD, 0 int. NE-T.Brady 44 atts, 24 comp, 183 yds, 1 TD, 3 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-B.Franks 5-46, D.Driver 3-43, A.Green 3-21, T.Glenn 3-19, W.Henderson 2-8, J.Walker 1-10. NE-D.Branch 5-38, T.Brown 5-37, C.Fauria 3-25, D.Givens 3-22, D.Patten 2-18, D.Hayes 2-16, A.Smith 2-14, M.Edwards 1-4.

Interceptions

GB-M.Anderson, B.Westbrook, M.Bowen. NE-0.

Fumbles

GB-K.Gbaja-Biamila. NE-0.

game 7 ah-man!

Washington Redskins	3	3	3	0	0	9
Green Bay Packers	7	10	0	13	0	30

WA J.Tuthill 25 yd. Field Goal (12-64, 6:10)
GB A.Green 24 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (8-69, 4:29)
WA J.Tuthill 53 yd. Field Goal (12-40, 5:23)
GB A.Green 2 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (5-73, 2:50)
GB R.Longwell 36 yd. Field Goal (5-37, 2:03)
WA J.Tuthill 31 yd. Field Goal (8-38, 4:28)
GB R.Longwell 41 yd. Field Goal (7-16, 3:31)
GB A.Green 8 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (3-23, 1:14)
GB R.Longwell 28 yd. Field Goal (9-27, 5:36)

	Redskins	Packers
Total First Downs	19	19
Total Offensive Plays	64	55
Net Yards Rushing	146	88
Net Yards Passing	92	155
Pass Att-Comp-Int	24-10-0	29-20-0
Punts Number and Average	1-36.0	3-31.7
No. and Yards Punt Returns	1-4	1-18
Penalties Number and Yards	11-129	11-95
Time of Possession	30:59	29:01

Rushing

GB-A.Green 24-88, B.Favre 1-0. WA-S.Davis 24-91, D.Thompson 4-48, J.Green 1-8, K.Watson 2-1, P.Ramsey 2-0, L.Betts 1-minus 2.

Passing

GB-D.Pederson 15 atts, 9 comp, 78 yds, 0 TD, 0 int. B.Favre 14 atts, 11 comp, 89 yds, 0 TD, 0 int. WA-P.Ramsey 24 atts, 10 comp, 135 yds, 0 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-D.Driver 4-44, W.Henderson 4-32, B.Franks 3-19, D.Martin 3-17, A.Green 3-12, J.Walker 1-20, T.Glenn 1-15, R.Ferguson 1-8. WA-D.Thompson 5-89, R.Gardner 3-35, K.Lockett 1-9, C.Doering 1-2.

Interceptions

GB-0. WA-0.

Fumbles

GB-N.Wayne, N.Diggs, T.Franz, R.Walker. WA-D.Terrell.

game 8 sharper show

Miami Dolphins	0	0	0	10	0	10
Green Bay Packers	0	14	10	0	0	24

GB A.Green 1 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (8-52, 4:27)
GB A.Green 23 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (4-44, 1:00)
GB R.Longwell 27 yd. Field Goal (7-58, 3:58)
GB D.Sharper 89 yd. interception return (R.Longwell kick)
MI O. Mare 46 yd. Field Goal (9-24, 3:59)
MI R. Lucas 1 yd. run (O. Mare kick) (9-73, 1:53)

	Dolphins	Packers
Total First Downs	25	16
Total Offensive Plays	77	53
Net Yards Rushing	143	104
Net Yards Passing	163	166
Pass Att-Comp-Int	42-22-2	27-17-1
Punts Number and Average	5-38.4	6-37.5
No. and Yards Punt Returns	2-5	3-8
Penalties Number and Yards	6-55	9-71
Time of Possession	31:11	28:49

Rushing

GB-A.Green 19-72, T.Fisher 1-28, N.Davenport 1-4, B.Favre 2-0. MI-R.Lucas 9-49, R.Williams 14-47, R.Edwards 3-34, R.McMichael 1-8, T.Minor 1-4, R.Konrad 1-2, J.McKnight 1-minus 1.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 25 atts, 16 comp, 187 yds, 1 TD, 1 int. D.Pederson 2 atts, 1 comp, 1 yd, 0 TD, 0 int. MI-R.Lucas 39 atts, 22 comp, 198 yds, 0 TD, 2 int. S.Rosenfels 3 atts, 0 comp, 0 yds, 0 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-A.Green 6-71, D.Driver 3-60, B.Franks 3-29, T.Glenn 3-24, J.Walker 1-3, W.Henderson 1-1. MI-C.Chambers 5-55, R.Williams 4-23, C.Carter 3-31, R.Konrad 3-21, D.Ward 2-13, R.McMichael 2-12, D.Clark 1-16, J.McKnight 1-14, R.Edwards 1-13.

Interceptions

GB-D.Sharper, N.Wayne. MI-P.Surtain.

Fumbles

GB-N.Wayne, T.McBride. MI-0.

game 9 driver's day

Detroit Lions	7	0	0	7	0	14
Green Bay Packers	3	27	10	0	0	40

GB R.Longwell 30 yd. Field Goal (13-74, 7:13)
DE A.Hakim 64 yd. pass from J.Harrington (J.Hanson kick) (1-64, 0:15)
GB B.Franks 4 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (9-64, 4:52)
GB R.Longwell 40 yd. Field Goal (9-65, 4:03)
GB R.Longwell 36 yd. Field Goal (7-17, 1:47)
GB M.Anderson 14 yd. interception return (R.Longwell kick)
GB N.Davenport 1 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (6-68, 1:03)
GB R.Longwell 33 yd. Field Goal (6-51, 2:35)
GB W.Henderson 9 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (9-69, 4:21)
DE M.Ricks 1 yd. pass from J.Harrington (J.Hanson kick) (5-65, 1:56)

	Lions	Packers
Total First Downs	13	24
Total Offensive Plays	61	78
Net Yards Rushing	126	150
Net Yards Passing	236	353
Pass Att-Comp-Int	44-20-2	42-29-0
Punts Number and Average	7-36.6	5-42.0
No. and Yards Punt Returns	3-1	5-14
Penalties Number and Yards	1-10	8-53
Time of Possession	20:37	39:23

Rushing

GB-N.Davenport 10-73, A.Green 12-50, T.Fisher 12-27. DE-J.Stewart 15-122, C.Schlesinger 1-4, J.Harrington 1-0.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 39 atts, 26 comp, 351yds, 2 TD, 0 int. D.Pederson 3 atts, 3 comp, 12 yds, 0 TD, 0 int. DE-J.Harrington 44 atts, 20 comp, 236 yds, 2 TD, 2 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-D.Driver 11-130, B.Franks 4-53, T.Fisher 4-14, T.Glenn 3-82, A.Green 3-20, J.Walker 2-50, W.Henderson 2-14. DE-A.Hakim 7-143, G.Crowell 3-32, A.Cason 3-17, C.Schlesinger 3-9, J.Stewart 2-19, S.Anderson 1-15, M.Ricks 1-1.

Interceptions

GB-M.Anderson, N.Wayne. DE-0.

Fumbles

GB-0. DE-S.Rogers.

game 10 domed

Green Bay Packers	0	7	7	7	0	21
Minnesota Vikings	14	0	7	10	0	31

MN R.Moss 24 yd. pass from D.Culpepper (G.Anderson kick) (5-79, 2:28)

MN D.Bates 18 yd. pass from D.Culpepper (G.Anderson kick) (6-65, 3:20)

GB A.Green 1 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (8-63, 3:04)

MN D.Culpepper 1 yd. run (G.Anderson kick) (9-81, 4:20)

GB B.Franks 1 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (8-72, 3:24)

GB D.Driver 84 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (3-84, 1:27)

MN G.Anderson 32 yd. Field Goal (7-19, 4:37)

MN M.Williams 3 yd. run (G.Anderson kick) (6-80, 2:24)

	Packers	Vikings
Total First Downs	18	24
Total Offensive Plays	61	65
Net Yards Rushing	71	218
Net Yards Passing	296	207
Pass Att-Comp-Int	43-24-3	26-13-2
Punts Number and Average	7-38.6	6-37.5
No. and Yards Punt Returns	1-0	2-11
Penalties Number and Yards	13-118	12-105
Time of Possession	27:55	32:05

Rushing

GB-A.Green 18-71. MN-M.Bennett 20-130, D.Culpepper 10-48, M.Williams 6-29, K.Campbell 1-11.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 43 atts, 24 comp, 296 yds, 2 TD, 3 int. D.Culpepper 26 atts, 13 comp, 217 yds, 2 TD, 2 int.

Pass Receiving

A.Green 8-38, D.Driver 4-121, T.Glenn 4-61, B.Franks 4-25, T.Davis 1-24, J.Walker 1-14, R.Ferguson 1-9. W.Henderson 1-4. MN-R.Moss 6-115, D.Bates 2-40, B.Chamberlain 2-38, K.Campbell 1-11, M.Bennett 1-9, J.Kleinsasser 1-4.

Interceptions

GB-D.Sharper, M.Anderson. MN-G.Biekert, J.Brewer.

Fumbles

GB-M.Anderson. MN-0.

game 11 tipped in tampa

Green Bay Packers	7	0	0	0	0	7
Tampa Bay Bucs	0	3	11	7	0	21

GB D.Driver 4 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (6-30, 2:57)

TB M.Gramatica 38 yd. Field Goal (3-39, 0:23)

TB M.Gramatica 51 yd. Field Goal (7-27, 2:57)

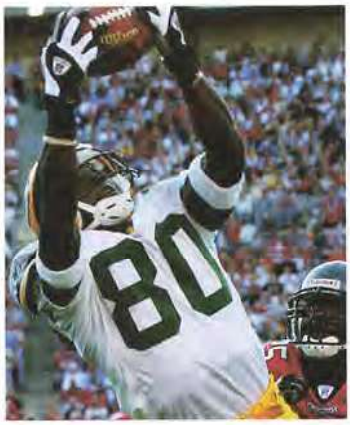
TB J.Jurevicius 4 yd. pass from B.Johnson (B.Johnson-K.Johnson pass) (4-18, 2:13)

TB K.Dilger 3 yd. pass from B.Johnson (M.Gramatica kick) (3-2, 1:18)

	Packers	Bucs
Total First Downs	15	14
Total Offensive Plays	64	57
Net Yards Rushing	96	93
Net Yards Passing	171	153
Pass Att-Comp-Int	38-20-4	30-18-1
Punts Number and Average	7-48.7	8-43.6
No. and Yards Punt Returns	2-25	6-26
Penalties Number and Yards	7-62	6-54
Time of Possession	30:34	29:26

Rushing

GB-A.Green 18-56, B.Favre 1-17, D.Driver 1-16, T.Fisher 3-7. TB-M.Pittman 13-50, M.Alstott 9-30, R.Johnson 2-8, B.Johnson 1-5.



Passing

GB-B.Favre 38 atts, 20 comp, 196 yds, 1 TD, 4 int. TB-B.Johnson 25 atts, 15 comp, 134 yds, 2 TD, 0 int. R.Johnson 5 atts, 3 comp, 33 yds, 0 TD, 1 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-T.Glenn 4-61, A.Green 4-40, B.Franks 4-29, D.Driver 3-32, W.Henderson 2-19, T.Fisher 2-8, J.Walker 1-7. TB-J.Jurevicius 5-41, K.McCardell 3-18, K.Dilger 3-17, K.Johnson 2-48, M.Pittman 2-23, K.Williams 1-16, M.Alstott 1-8, A.Stecker 1-minus 4.

Interceptions

GB-N.Diggs. TB-B.Kelly, D.Jackson, R.Barber.

Fumbles

GB-0. TB-0.

game 12 sweep of 'chi'

Chicago Bears	7	7	0	6	0	20
Green Bay Packers	3	3	10	14	0	30

CH D.Lyman 12 yd. pass from B.Maynard (P.Edinger kick) (4-18, 1:14)

GB R.Longwell 21 yd. Field Goal (7-46, 3:15)

CH D.Lyman 8 yd. pass from J.Miller (P.Edinger kick) (12-72, 6:04)

GB R.Longwell 31 yd. Field Goal (11-52, 4:17)

GB B.Franks 6 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (7-62, 3:17)

GB R.Longwell 27 yd. Field Goal (14-90, 6:21)

GB W.Henderson 1 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (7-35, 3:39)

GB T.Fisher 2 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (7-58, 2:11)

CH M.Robinson 45 yd. pass from H.Burris (pass failed) (4-68, 1:00)

	Bears	Packers
Total First Downs	19	26
Total Offensive Plays	58	75
Net Yards Rushing	74	181
Net Yards Passing	230	215
Pass Att-Comp-Int	38-27-1	42-24-1
Punts Number and Average	4-41.0	3-44.7
No. and Yards Punt Returns	1-8	2-16
Penalties Number and Yards	5-39	2-33
Time of Possession	27:22	32:38

Rushing

GB-T.Fisher 17-91, A.Green 12-78, B.Favre 2-9, D.Driver 1-3. CH-L.Johnson 11-46, A.Thomas 4-26, J.Miller 2-2.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 42 atts, 24 comp, 221 yds, 2 TD, 1 int. CH-J.Miller 36 atts, 25 comp, 191 yds, 1 TD, 1 int. H.Burris 1 atts, 1 comp, 45 yds, 1 TD, 0 int. B.Maynard 1 atts, 1 comp, 12 yds, 1 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-B.Franks 6-34, D.Driver 5-65, A.Green 5-45, T.Glenn 2-39, T.Fisher 2-15, W.Henderson 2-5, J.Walker 1-12, R.Ferguson 1-6. CH-D.Lyman 7-58, M.Booker 6-52, D.White 5-39, L.Johnson 3-27, J.Gilmore 2-16, M.Robinson 1-45, S.Pritchett 1-6, A.Merritt 1-5, A.Thomas 1-0.

Interceptions

GB-T.Williams. CH-D.Moore.

Fumbles

GB-N.Diggs, A.Edwards, R.Walker. CH-A.Brown.

game 13 getting even

Minnesota Vikings	10	3	9	0	0	22
Green Bay Packers	0	6	7	13	0	26

MN G.Anderson 23 yd. Field Goal (12-65, 6:50)

MN R.Moss 3 yd. pass from D.Culpepper (G.Anderson kick) (4-30, 2:00)

MN G.Anderson 22 yd. Field Goal (6-19, 2:05)

GB R.Longwell 33 yd. Field Goal (11-59, 6:12)

GB R.Longwell 19 yd. Field Goal (12-51, 5:22)

MN D.Culpepper 3 yd. run (kick blocked) (7-74, 3:31)

GB R.Ferguson 21 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (8-67, 3:32)

MN G.Anderson 37 yd. Field Goal (6-41, 1:57)

GB R.Ferguson 40 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (6-54, 2:36)

GB T.Fisher 14 yd. run (run failed) (9-85, 3:26)

	Vikings	Packers
Total First Downs	15	20
Total Offensive Plays	56	61
Net Yards Rushing	191	124
Net Yards Passing	125	204
Pass Att-Comp-Int	28-15-1	32-22-1
Punts Number and Average	4-33.3	3-34.7
No. and Yards Punt Returns	0-0	3-24
Penalties Number and Yards	6-62	4-25
Time of Possession	29:26	30:34

Rushing

GB-T.Fisher 25-96, D.Driver 1-17, B.Favre 1-8, J.Graham 1-3. MN-M.Bennett 19-120, M.Williams 2-45, D.Culpepper 4-26.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 32 atts, 22 comp, 214 yds, 2 TD, 1 int. MN-D.Culpepper 28 atts, 15 comp, 136 yds, 1 TD, 1 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-R.Ferguson 6-105, T.Fisher 5-19, J.Walker 3-33, D.Driver 2-25, B.Franks 2-15, T.Davis 2-11, J.Graham 2-6. MN-D.Bates 5-71, R.Moss 3-25, M.Bennett 3-8, J.Kleinsasser 2-10, C.Walsh 1-17, B.Chamberlain 1-5.

Interceptions

GB-D.Sharper. MN-G.Biekert.

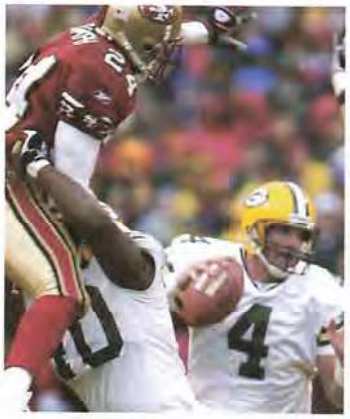
Fumbles

GB-0. MN-C.Hovan.

game 14 'no' to niners

Green Bay Packers	3	0	14	3	0	20
San Francisco 49ers	0	6	8	0	0	14

GB R.Longwell 48 yd. Field Goal (10-16, 4:37)
SF J.Chandler 47 yd. Field Goal (5-23, 1:46)
SF J.Chandler 42 yd. Field Goal (13-44, 3:52)
GB A.Green 9 yd. run (R.Longwell kick) (9-79, 3:58)
GB D.Driver 5 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (6-29, 3:19)
SF T.Owens 45 yd. pass from J.Garcia (J.Garcia run) (8-73, 4:31)
GB R.Longwell 28 yd. Field Goal (11-53, 4:59)



	Packers	49ers
Total First Downs	21	17
Total Offensive Plays	67	57
Net Yards Rushing	104	107
Net Yards Passing	198	156
Pass Att-Comp-Int	33-25-0	34-19-1
Punts Number and Average	3-34.7	4-41.5
No. and Yards Punt Returns	2-4	0-0
Penalties Number and Yards	4-20	3-18
Time of Possession	36:03	23:57

Rushing

GB-A.Green 24-90, T.Fisher 3-10, B.Favre 5-2, D.Driver 1-2. SF-G.Hearst 12-51, J.Garcia 5-32, K.Barlow 6-24.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 33 atts, 25 comp, 201 yds, 1 TD, 0 int. SF-J.Garcia 34 atts, 19 comp, 156 yds, 1 TD, 1 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-W.Henderson 5-33, D.Driver 4-42, B.Franks 4-37, T.Glenn 3-46, T.Fisher 3-3, A.Green 3-0, T.Davis 2-34, J.Walker 1-6. SF-T.Owens 8-75, E.Johnson 8-66, F.Beasley 1-8, G.Hearst 1-6, T.Streets 1-1.

Interceptions

GB-V.Holliday, N.Diggs. SF-0.

Fumbles

GB-0. SF-0.

game 15 bills blanked

Buffalo Bills	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay Packers	0	3	0	7	0	10

GB R.Longwell 33 yd. Field Goal (10-37, 4:15)
GB D.Driver 11 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (4-39, 1:30)

	Bills	Packers
Total First Downs	17	14
Total Offensive Plays	66	65
Net Yards Rushing	43	119
Net Yards Passing	142	104
Pass Att-Comp-Int	36-18-2	33-15-2
Punts Number and Average	6-47.2	7-40.4
No. and Yards Punt Returns	4-19	3-8
Penalties Number and Yards	2-10	3-25
Time of Possession	31:52	28:08

Rushing

GB-A.Green 26-116, T.Fisher 2-4, B.Favre 2-1. BU-T.Henry 20-46, L.Centers 1-2, D.Bledsoe 1-2, S.Morris 1-0, P.Price 1-7.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 33 atts, 15 comp, 114 yds, 1 TD, 2 int. BU-D.Bledsoe 36 atts, 18 comp, 179 yds, 0 TD, 2 int.

Pass Receiving

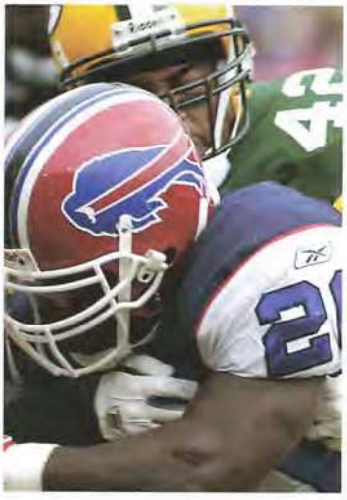
GB-D.Driver 5-52, T.Glenn 4-27, A.Green 2-17, R.Ferguson 1-11, W.Henderson 1-6, T.Davis 1-1, T.Fisher 1-0. BU-E.Moulds 5-45, P.Price 5-39, J.Riemersma 3-31, D.Moore 2-14, C.Johnson 1-22, J.Reed 1-17, T.Henry 1-11.

Interceptions

GB-D.Sharper, N.Diggs. BU-K.Thomas, N.Clements.

Fumbles

GB-C.Hunt (2), R.Ferguson, J.Reynolds. BU-0.



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Green Bay Packers	0	10	0	7	0	17
New York Jets	0	14	14	14	0	42

NY R.Anderson 1 yd. pass from C.Pennington (J.Hall kick) (10-84, 5:33)
GB R.Longwell 23 yd. Field Goal (11-57, 5:31)
NY W.Chrebet 12 yd. pass from C.Pennington (J.Hall kick) (8-67, 2:42)
GB T.Glenn 14 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (10-76, 1:35)
NY C.Martin 5 yd. run (J.Hall kick) (6-60, 3:14)
NY S.Moss 13 yd. pass from C.Pennington (J.Hall kick) (7-76, 3:41)
NY W.Chrebet 18 yd. pass from C.Pennington (J.Hall kick) (6-32, 3:25)
GB B.Franks 20 yd. pass from D.Pederson (R.Longwell kick) (10-53, 4:55)
NY L.Jordan 3 yd. run (J.Hall kick) (6-28, 3:21)

	Packers	Jets
Total First Downs	19	22
Total Offensive Plays	69	55
Net Yards Rushing	114	129
Net Yards Passing	208	208
Pass Att-Comp-Int	41-22-1	25-18-0
Punts Number and Average	6-42.2	4-38.5
No. and Yards Punt Returns	4-(-1)	3-28
Penalties Number and Yards	5-43	3-30
Time of Possession	31:42	28:18

Rushing

GB-A.Green 14-67, W.Henderson 6-26, B.Favre 2-13, E.Metcalf 2-7, T.Fisher 1-3, D.Driver 1-minus 1, D.Pederson 1-minus 1. NY-C.Martin 18-83, L.Coles 1-21, S.Moss 1-14, C.Morton 1-6, C.Pennington 2-3, L.Jordan 6-2.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 33 atts, 16 comp, 172 yds, 1 TD, 1 int. D.Pederson 8 atts, 6 comp, 43 yds, 1 TD, 0 int. NY-C.Pennington 24 atts, 17 comp, 196 yds, 4 TD, 0 int. V.Testaverde 1 atts, 1 comp, 14 yds, 0 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-T.Glenn 5-76, R.Ferguson 4-39, J.Walker 3-37, B.Franks 3-35, A.Green 3-5, W.Henderson 2-6, D.Driver 1-10, T.Davis 1-7. NY-L.Coles 6-93, C.Martin 4-42, W.Chrebet 3-37, S.Moss 2-20, R.Anderson 2-9, A.Becht 1-9.

Interceptions

GB-0. NY-S.Garnes

Fumbles

GB-0. NY-0.

nfc wildcard vick-tims

Atlanta Falcons	14	10	3	0	0	27
Green Bay Packers	0	0	7	0	0	7

AL S.Jefferson 10 yd. pass from M.Vick (J.Feely kick) (10-76, 5:43)
AL A.Ulmer 1 yd. return of blocked punt (J.Feely kick)
AL T.Duckett 6 yd. run (J.Feely kick) (4-21, 2:30)
AL J.Feely 22 yd. Field Goal (16-90, 6:34)
GB D.Driver 14 yd. pass from B.Favre (R.Longwell kick) (10-73, 4:34)
AL J.Feely 23 yd. Field Goal (12-73, 6:43)

	Falcons	Packers
Total First Downs	21	17
Total Offensive Plays	69	63
Net Yards Rushing	192	56
Net Yards Passing	117	233
Pass Att-Comp-Int	25-13-0	42-20-2
Punts Number and Average	5-33.8	1-0.0
No. and Yards Punt Returns	0-0	1-0
Penalties Number and Yards	3-20	3-15
Time of Possession	36:04	23:56

Rushing

GB-A.Green 11-34, T.Fisher 6-23, B.Favre 2-minus 1. AL-W.Dunn 15-64, M.Vick 10-64, T.Duckett 17-45, O.McCord 2-19.

Passing

GB-B.Favre 42 atts, 20 comp, 247 yds, 1 TD, 2 int. AL-M.Vick 25 atts, 13 comp, 117 yds, 1 TD, 0 int.

Pass Receiving

GB-J.Walker 5-104, D.Driver 3-64, R.Ferguson 3-17, T.Fisher 3-11, B.Franks 2-20, T.Glenn 1-11, K.Bailey 1-11, W.Henderson 1-6, A.Green 1-3. AL-W.Dunn 4-40, B.Finneran 4-35, R.Kelly 2-16, S.Jefferson 1-10, A.Crumpler 1-9, T.Gaylor 1-7.

Interceptions

GB-0. AL-K.Carpenter (2).

Fumbles

GB-0. AL-P.Kerney, G.Layne, J.Thierry.

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2002 NFL... STATS

2002 afc & nfc standings

AFC East	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
N.Y. Jets	9	7	0	.562	359	336	5-3	4-4	6-6	3-1	4-2	Won 2
New England	9	7	0	.562	381	346	5-3	4-4	6-6	3-1	4-2	Won 1
Miami	9	7	0	.562	378	301	7-1	2-6	7-5	2-2	2-4	Lost 2
Buffalo	8	8	0	.500	379	397	5-3	3-5	5-7	3-1	2-4	Won 1

AFC North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Pittsburgh	10	5	1	.656	390	345	5-2-1	5-3	8-4	2-1-1	6-0	Won 3
Cleveland	9	7	0	.562	344	320	3-5	6-2	7-5	2-2	3-3	Won 2
Baltimore	7	9	0	.438	316	354	4-4	3-5	7-5	0-4	3-3	Lost 2
Cincinnati	2	14	0	.125	279	456	1-7	1-7	1-11	1-3	0-6	Lost 1

AFC South	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Tennessee	11	5	0	.688	367	324	6-2	5-3	9-3	2-2	6-0	Won 5
Indianapolis	10	6	0	.625	349	313	5-3	5-3	8-4	2-2	4-2	Won 1
Jacksonville	6	10	0	.375	328	315	3-5	3-5	4-8	2-2	1-5	Lost 2
Houston	4	12	0	.250	213	356	2-6	2-6	2-10	2-2	1-5	Lost 3

AFC West	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Oakland	11	5	0	.688	450	304	6-2	5-3	9-3	2-2	4-2	Won 2
Denver	9	7	0	.562	392	344	5-3	4-4	5-7	4-0	3-3	Won 1
San Diego	8	8	0	.500	333	367	5-3	3-5	6-6	2-2	3-3	Lost 4
Kansas City	8	8	0	.500	467	399	6-2	2-6	6-6	2-2	2-4	Lost 1

How do the Packers stack up against the rest of the NFL?

NFC East	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Philadelphia	12	4	0	.750	415	241	7-1	5-3	1-3	11-1	5-1	Lost 1
N.Y. Giants	10	6	0	.625	320	279	5-3	5-3	2-2	8-4	5-1	Won 4
Washington	7	9	0	.438	307	365	5-3	2-6	3-1	4-8	1-5	Won 2
Dallas	5	11	0	.312	217	329	4-4	1-7	2-2	3-9	1-5	Lost 4

NFC North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Green Bay	**12**	**4**	**0**	**.750**	**398**	**328**	**8-0**	**4-4**	**3-1**	**9-3**	**5-1**	**Lost 1**
Minnesota	6	10	0	.375	390	442	4-4	2-6	1-3	5-7	4-2	Won 3
Chicago	4	12	0	.250	281	379	3-5	1-7	1-3	3-9	2-4	Lost 2
Detroit	3	13	0	.188	306	451	3-5	0-8	0-4	3-9	1-5	Lost 8

NFC South	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
Tampa Bay	12	4	0	.750	346	196	6-2	6-2	3-1	9-3	4-2	Won 1
Atlanta	9	6	1	.594	402	314	5-3	4-3-1	2-1-1	7-5	4-2	Lost 1
New Orleans	9	7	0	.562	432	388	4-4	5-3	2-2	7-5	3-3	Lost 3
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	258	302	4-4	3-5	3-1	4-8	1-5	Won 2

NFC West	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Home	Road	AFC	NFC	DIV	Streak
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625	367	351	5-3	5-3	2-2	8-4	5-1	Lost 1
St. Louis	7	9	0	.438	316	369	6-2	1-7	2-2	5-7	4-2	Won 1
Seattle	7	9	0	.438	355	369	3-5	4-4	2-2	5-7	2-4	Won 3
Arizona	5	11	0	.312	262	417	3-5	2-6	0-4	5-7	1-5	Lost 3

2002 afc & nfc pro bowl rosters

AFC Offense

WR-Marvin Harrison, IND; Jerry Rice, OAK; Hines Ward, PIT. T-Jonathan Ogden, BAL; Willie Roaf, KC. G-Alan Faneca, PIT; Will Shields, KC. C-Kevin Mawae, NYJ. TE-Tony Gonzalez, KC. QB-Rich Gannon, OAK. RB-Ricky Williams, MIA. FB-Lorenzo Neal, CIN.

AFC Defense

DE-Trevor Pryce, DEN; Jason Taylor, MIA. IL-Richard Seymour, NE; Gary Walker, HOU. OLB-Joey Porter, PIT; Peter Boulware, BAL. ILB-Zach Thomas, MIA. CB-Aaron Glenn, HOU; Ty Law, NE. SS-Lawyer Milloy, NE. FS-Rod Woodson, OAK.

AFC Specialists

P-Chris Hanson, JAC. PK-Adam Vinatieri, NE. KR-Dante Hall, KC. ST-Larry Izzo, NE.

NFC Offense

WR-Joe Horn, NO; Terrell Owens, SF. T-Tra Thomas, PHI; Chris Samuels, WAS. G-Jermane Mayberry, PHI; Ron Stone, SF. C-Olin Kreutz, CHI. TE-Bubba Franks, GB. QB-Jeff Garcia, SF. RB-Deuce McAllister, NO. FB-Mike Alstott, TB.

NFC Defense

DE-Simeon Rice, TB; Michael Strahan, NYG. IL-La'Roi Glover, DAL; Bryant Young, SF. OLB-LaVar Arrington, WAS; Derrick Brooks, TB. ILB-Brian Urlacher, CHI. CB-Champ Bailey, WAS; Troy Vincent, PHI. SS-John Lynch, TB. FS-Darren Sharper, GB.

NFC Specialists

P-Todd Sauerbrun, CAR. PK-David Akers, PHI. KR-Michael Lewis, NO. ST-Fred McAfee, NO.

2002 all-pro & all-rookie teams

2002 All-Pro All-NFL Team

Offense

QB-Rich Gannon, OAK; Brett Favre, GB. RB-Ricky Williams, MIA; Priest Holmes, KC; Fred Beasley, SF; LaDainian Tomlinson, SD. TE-Jeremy Shockey, NY Giants; Tony Gonzalez, KC. WR-Terrell Owens, SF; Marvin Harrison, IND; Hines Ward, PIT; Eric Moulds, BUF; Jerry Rice, OAK. T-Lincoln Kennedy, OAK; Jon Ogden, BAL; William Roaf, KC; Tra Thomas, PHI. G-Alan Faneca, PIT; Will Shields, KC; Jermane Mayberry, PHI; Ruben Brown, BUF. C-Barret Robbins, OAK; Kevin Mawae, NYJ. PK-Adam Vinatieri, NE; David Akers, PHI. KR-Michael Lewis, NO; KR-Dante Hall, KC.

Defense

DE-Jason Taylor, MIA; Simeon Rice, TB; Michael Strahan, NYG; Hugh Douglas, PHI. T-Kris Jenkins, CAR; Warren Sapp, TB; Chris Hovan, MN; La'Roi Glover, DAL. OLB-Joey Porter, PIT; Derrick Brooks, TB; Keith Bulluck, TEN; Julian Peterson, SF. ILB-Zach Thomas, MIA; Brian Urlacher, CHI; Keith Brooking, ALT; Donnie Edwards, SD. CB-Patrick Surtain, MIA; Troy Vincent, PHI; Ronde Barber, TB; Bobby Taylor, PHI. S-Brian Dawkins, PHI; Rod Woodson, OAK; John Lynch, TB; Darren Sharper, GB. P-Todd Sauerbrun, CAR; Chris Hanson, JAC.

All Rookie Team

Offense

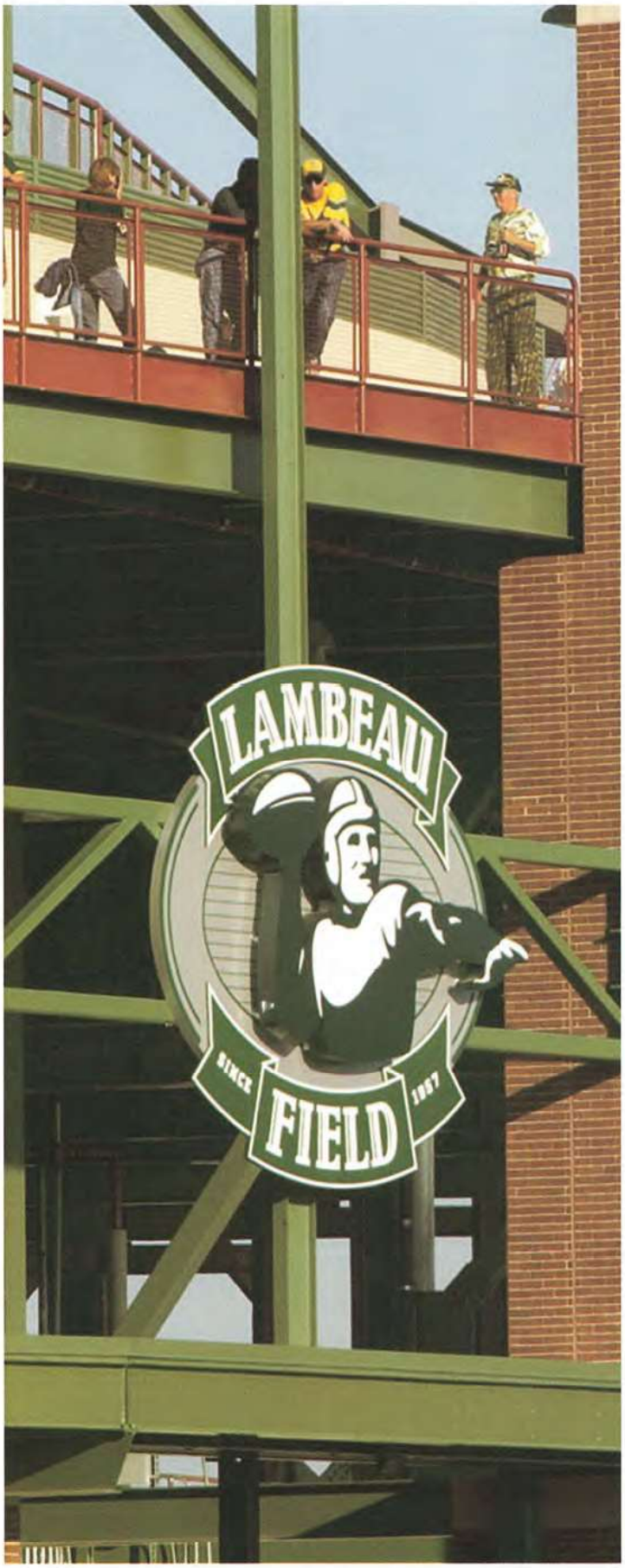
QB-Joey Harrington, DET. RB-Clinton Portis, DEN. FB-Charles Stackhouse, NYG. WR-Donte Stallworth, NO. WR-Antonio Bryant, DAL. TE-Jeremy Shockey, NG. OT-Mike Williams, BUF. OT-Levi Jones, CIN. OG-LeCharles Bentley, NO. OG-Kendall Simmons, PIT. C-Jason Ball, SD.

Defense

DE-Julius Peppers, CAR. DE-Dwight Freeney, IND. DT-John Henderson, JAC. DT-Rocky Bernard, SEA. MLB-Napoleon Harris, OAK. OLB-Ben Leber, SD. OLB-Will Witherspoon, CAR. CB-Derek Ross, DAL. CB-Chris Cash, DET. S-Roy Williams, DAL. S-Ed Reed, BAL.

Special Teams

P-Dave Zastudil, BAL. K-Jeff Reed, PIT. KR-Antwaan Randle El, PIT. DS-Jeff Grau, DAL.



2002 nfl individual stats

NFL Leading Passers

Player	Yds	Att	Cmp	% Cmp	Gain Avg	TDs	Ints	Long	Rating
Chad Pennington, NYJ	3120	399	275	68.9	11.3	22	6	47	104.2
Rich Gannon, OAK	4689	618	418	67.6	11.2	26	10	75	97.3
Brad Johnson, TB	3049	451	281	62.3	13.9	22	6	76	92.9
Trent Green, KC	3690	470	287	61.1	12.8	26	13	99	92.6
Peyton Manning, IND	4200	591	392	66.3	10.7	27	19	69	88.8
Matt Hasselbeck, SEA	3075	419	267	63.7	11.5	15	10	49	87.8
Drew Bledsoe, BUF	4359	610	375	61.5	11.6	24	15	73	86.0

NFL Leading Rushers

Player	Yds	Att	Avg	TDs
Ricky Williams, MIA	1853	383	4.8	16
LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	1683	372	4.5	14
Priest Holmes, KC	1615	313	5.2	21
Clinton Portis, DEN	1508	273	5.5	15
Travis Henry, BUF	1438	325	4.4	13

NFL Leading Scorers - Kickers

Player	XP	FG	Pts
Jay Feely, ATL	42	32	138
David Akers, PHI	43	30	133
John Carney, NO	37	31	130
Sebastian Janikowski, OAK	50	26	128
Ryan Longwell, GB	44	28	128

NFL Leading Receivers

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TDs
Marvin Harrison, IND	143	1722	12.0	11
Hines Ward, PIT	112	1329	11.9	12
Randy Moss, MIN	106	1347	12.7	7
Terrell Owens, SF	100	1300	13.0	13
Eric Moulds, BUF	100	1292	12.9	10

NFL Leading Punt Returners

Player	Rets	Yds	Avg	TDs
Deion Branch, NE	2	58	29.0	0
D'Wayne Bates, MIN	4	93	23.3	0
Dexter Jackson, TB	1	20	20.0	0
Coby Rhinehart, ARI	1	18	18.0	0
Dre' Bly, STL	8	138	17.3	1

NFL Leading Receivers by Yards

Player	Yds	Rec	Yds	Avg	TDs
Marvin Harrison, IND	12.0	143	1722	12.0	11
Randy Moss, MIN	12.7	106	1347	12.7	7
Amani Toomer, NYG	16.4	82	1343	16.4	8
Hines Ward, PIT	11.9	112	1329	11.9	12
Plaxico Burress, PIT	17.0	78	1325	17.0	7

NFL Leading Punters

Player	Pnt	Yds	GAvg	LG
Todd Sauerbrun, CAR	104	4735	45.5	67
Chris Hanson, JAC	81	3583	44.2	64
Scott Player, ARI	88	3864	43.9	58
Brian Moorman, BUF	66	2844	43.1	84
Sean Landeta, PHI	52	2229	42.9	63

Interceptions (NFL Leading Interceptors)

Player	Ints	Yds	Avg	TDs
Rod Woodson, OAK	8	225	28.1	2
Brian Kelly, TB	8	68	8.5	0
Darren Sharper, GB	7	233	33.3	1
Tony Parrish, SF	7	204	29.1	0
Nate Clements, BUF	6	82	13.7	1
Patrick Surtain, MIA	6	79	13.2	1
Marlon McCree, JAC	6	129	21.5	0
Lance Schulters, TEN	6	56	9.3	0
Greg Wesley, KC	6	170	28.3	0

NFL Leading Kickoff Returners

Player	Rets	Yds	Avg	TDs
Rafael Cooper, DET	1	55	55.0	0
Quentin McCord, ATL	1	39	39.0	0
Travis Jervey, ATL	4	143	35.8	0
Joe Burns, BUF	1	35	35.0	0
Fred McAfee, NO	2	69	34.5	0

Scoring (NFL Leading Scorers - Nonkickers)

Player	TD	Rsh	Rec	2-PT	Pts
Priest Holmes, KC	24	21	3	0	144
Shaun Alexander, SEA	18	16	2	0	108
Ricky Williams, MIA	17	16	1	0	102
Clinton Portis, DEN	17	15	2	0	102
Deuce McAllister, NO	16	13	3	0	96

NFL Leaders - Sacks

Player	Sacks	Tackles
Jason Taylor, MIA	18.5	45.0
Simeon Rice, TB	15.5	41.0
Dwight Freeney, IND	13	40.0
Hugh Douglas, PHI	12.5	44.0
Andre Carter, SF	12.5	45.0

2003 week-by-week schedules

Week 1

Thursday, September 4
N.Y. Jets at Washington, 9:00 pm

Sunday, September 7
Arizona at Detroit, 1:00 pm
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1:00 pm
Denver at Cincinnati, 1:00 pm
Houston at Miami, 1:00 pm
Indianapolis at Cleveland, 1:00 pm
Jacksonville at Carolina, 1:00 pm
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1:00 pm
New England at Buffalo, 1:00 pm
San Diego at Kansas City, 1:00 pm
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 pm
Atlanta at Dallas, 4:15 pm
Chicago at San Francisco, 4:15 pm
New Orleans at Seattle, 4:15 pm
Oakland at Tennessee, 8:30 pm

Monday, September 8
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 9:00 pm

Week 2

Sunday, September 14
Buffalo at Jacksonville, 1:00 pm
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1:00 pm
Detroit at Green Bay, 1:00 pm
Houston at New Orleans, 1:00 pm
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1:00 pm
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 1:00 pm
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1:00 pm
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1:00 pm
Washington at Atlanta, 1:00 pm
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4:05 pm
Seattle at Arizona, 4:05 pm
Cincinnati at Oakland, 4:15 pm
Denver at San Diego, 4:15 pm
New England at Philadelphia, 4:15 pm
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 pm

Monday, September 15
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 9:00 pm

Week 3

Sunday, September 21
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1:00 pm
Kansas City at Houston, 1:00 pm
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:00 pm
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1:00 pm
N.Y. Jets at New England, 1:00 pm
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1:00 pm
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1:00 pm
Green Bay at Arizona, 4:05 pm
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 4:05 pm
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:05 pm
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:15 pm
Cleveland at San Francisco, 4:15 pm
Buffalo at Miami, 8:30 pm

Monday, September 22
Oakland at Denver, 9:00 pm

Open date: Carolina, Chicago, Dallas, Philadelphia

Week 4

Sunday, September 28
Arizona at St. Louis, 1:00 pm
Atlanta at Carolina, 1:00 pm
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1:00 pm
Jacksonville at Houston, 1:00 pm
Kansas City at Baltimore, 1:00 pm
New England at Washington, 1:00 pm
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 1:00 pm
San Francisco at Minnesota, 1:00 pm
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 1:00 pm
San Diego at Oakland, 4:05 pm
Dallas at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 pm
Detroit at Denver, 4:15 pm
Indianapolis at New Orleans, 8:30 pm

Monday, September 29
Green Bay at Chicago, 9:00 pm

Open date: Miami, N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tampa Bay

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Sunday, October 19
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1:00 pm
Dallas at Detroit, 1:00 pm
Denver at Minnesota, 1:00 pm
Green Bay at St. Louis, 1:00 pm
New England at Miami, 1:00 pm
New Orleans at Atlanta, 1:00 pm
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 pm
San Diego at Cleveland, 1:00 pm
Tennessee at Carolina, 1:00 pm
Washington at Buffalo, 1:00 pm
N.Y. Jets at Houston, 4:05 pm
Chicago at Seattle, 4:15 pm
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4:15 pm

Monday, October 20
Kansas City at Oakland, 9:00 pm

Open date: Arizona, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh

Week 8

Sunday, October 26
Carolina at New Orleans, 2:00 pm
Cleveland at New England, 2:00 pm
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 2:00 pm
Denver at Baltimore, 2:00 pm
Detroit at Chicago, 2:00 pm
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 2:00 pm
Seattle at Cincinnati, 2:00 pm
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 2:00 pm
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 2:00 pm
San Francisco at Arizona, 5:05 pm
Houston at Indianapolis, 5:15 pm
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 5:15 pm
Buffalo at Kansas City, 9:30 pm

Monday, October 27
Miami at San Diego, 10:00 pm

Open date: Atlanta, Green Bay, Oakland, Washington

Week 9

Sunday, November 2
Carolina at Houston, 2:00 pm
Indianapolis at Miami, 2:00 pm
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 2:00 pm
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 2:00 pm
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 2:00 pm
Oakland at Detroit, 2:00 pm
San Diego at Chicago, 2:00 pm
Washington at Dallas, 2:00 pm
Cincinnati at Arizona, 5:05 pm
Pittsburgh at Seattle, 5:05 pm
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 5:15 pm
St. Louis at San Francisco, 5:15 pm
Green Bay at Minnesota, 9:30 pm

Monday, November 3
New England at Denver, 10:00 pm

Open date: Buffalo, Cleveland, Kansas City, Tennessee

Week 10

Sunday, November 9
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 2:00 pm
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, 2:00 pm
Chicago at Detroit, 2:00 pm
Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:00 pm
Houston at Cincinnati, 2:00 pm
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 2:00 pm
Miami at Tennessee, 2:00 pm
Seattle at Washington, 2:00 pm
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 2:00 pm
Minnesota at San Diego, 5:05 pm
Buffalo at Dallas, 5:15 pm
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 5:15 pm
Baltimore at St. Louis, 9:30 pm

Monday, November 10
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 10:00 pm

Open date: Denver, New England, New Orleans, San Francisco

Week 11

Week 12

Week 13

Thursday, November 27
Green Bay at Detroit, 1:30 pm
Miami at Dallas, 5:05 pm

Sunday, November 30
Arizona at Chicago, 2:00 pm
Atlanta at Houston, 2:00 pm
Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, 2:00 pm
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 2:00 pm
Minnesota at St. Louis, 2:00 pm
New England at Indianapolis, 2:00 pm
Philadelphia at Carolina, 2:00 pm
San Francisco at Baltimore, 2:00 pm
New Orleans at Washington, 5:05 pm
Cleveland at Seattle, 5:15 pm
Denver at Oakland, 5:15 pm
Kansas City at San Diego, 5:15 pm
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 9:30 pm

Monday, December 1
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 10:00 pm

Week 14

Sunday, December 7
Chicago at Green Bay, 2:00 pm
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 2:00 pm
Dallas at Philadelphia, 2:00 pm
Houston at Jacksonville, 2:00 pm
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 2:00 pm
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 2:00 pm
San Diego at Detroit, 2:00 pm
Seattle at Minnesota, 2:00 pm
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 2:00 pm
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 2:00 pm
Arizona at San Francisco, 5:05 pm
Kansas City at Denver, 5:15 pm
Miami at New England, 5:15 pm
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 5:15 pm
Carolina at Atlanta, 9:30 pm

Monday, December 8
St. Louis at Cleveland, 10:00 pm

Week 15

Sunday, December 14
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 2:00 pm
Buffalo at Tennessee, 2:00 pm
Dallas at Washington, 2:00 pm
Detroit at Kansas City, 2:00 pm
Houston at Tampa Bay, 2:00 pm
Jacksonville at New England, 2:00 pm
Minnesota at Chicago, 2:00 pm
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Jets, 2:00 pm
Seattle at St. Louis, 2:00 pm
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 2:00 pm
Baltimore at Oakland, 5:05 pm
Cleveland at Denver, 5:05 pm
Carolina at Arizona, 5:15 pm
Green Bay at San Diego, 5:15 pm
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 9:30 pm

Monday, December 15
Philadelphia at Miami, 10:00 pm

Week 16

Saturday, December 20
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 2:30 pm
Kansas City at Minnesota, 6:00 pm
New England at N.Y. Jets, 9:30 pm

Sunday, December 21
Baltimore at Cleveland, 2:00 pm
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 2:00 pm
Detroit at Carolina, 2:00 pm
Miami at Buffalo, 2:00 pm
New Orleans at Jacksonville, 2:00 pm
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 2:00 pm
Tennessee at Houston, 2:00 pm
Washington at Chicago, 2:00 pm
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 5:05 pm
Arizona at Seattle, 5:15 pm
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 5:15 pm
Denver at Indianapolis, 9:30 pm

Monday, December 22
Green Bay at Oakland, 10:00 pm

Week 5

Sunday, Oct. 5
Arizona at Dallas, 1:00 pm
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1:00 pm
Denver at Kansas City, 1:00 pm
Miami at N.Y. Giants, 1:00 pm
Minnesota at Atlanta, 1:00 pm
New Orleans at Carolina, 1:00 pm
Oakland at Chicago, 1:00 pm
Seattle at Green Bay, 1:00 pm
Tennessee at New England, 1:00 pm
San Diego at Jacksonville, 4:05 pm
Detroit at San Francisco, 4:15 pm
Washington at Philadelphia, 4:15 pm
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:30 pm

Monday, October 6
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, 9:00 pm

Open date: Baltimore, Houston, N.Y. Jets, St. Louis

Week 6

Sunday, Oct. 12
Carolina at Indianapolis, 1:00 pm
Chicago at New Orleans, 1:00 pm
Houston at Tennessee, 1:00 pm
Kansas City at Green Bay, 1:00 pm
Miami at Jacksonville, 1:00 pm
N.Y. Giants at New England, 1:00 pm
Oakland at Cleveland, 1:00 pm
Philadelphia at Dallas, 1:00 pm
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1:00 pm
Baltimore at Arizona, 4:15 pm
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 pm
Pittsburgh at Denver, 4:15 pm
San Francisco at Seattle, 8:30 pm

Monday, October 13
Atlanta at St. Louis, 9:00 pm

Open date: Cincinnati, Detroit, Minnesota, San Diego

Week 11

Sunday, November 16
Arizona at Cleveland, 2:00 pm
Atlanta at New Orleans, 2:00 pm
Baltimore at Miami, 2:00 pm
Houston at Buffalo, 2:00 pm
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 2:00 pm
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 2:00 pm
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 2:00 pm
St. Louis at Chicago, 2:00 pm
Washington at Carolina, 2:00 pm
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 5:05 pm
San Diego at Denver, 5:05 pm
Detroit at Seattle, 5:15 pm
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 5:15 pm
Minnesota at Oakland, 5:15 pm
Dallas at New England, 9:30 pm

Monday, November 17
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 10:00 pm

Week 12

Sunday, November 23
Carolina at Dallas, 2:00 pm
Detroit at Minnesota, 2:00 pm
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 2:00 pm
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 2:00 pm
New England at Houston, 2:00 pm
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 2:00 pm
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 2:00 pm
Seattle at Baltimore, 2:00 pm
San Francisco at Green Bay, 2:00 pm
Chicago at Denver, 5:05 pm
St. Louis at Arizona, 5:05 pm
Cincinnati at San Diego, 5:15 pm
Oakland at Kansas City, 5:15 pm
Tennessee at Atlanta, 5:15 pm
Washington at Miami, 9:30 pm

Monday, November 24
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 10:00 pm

Week 17

Saturday, December 27
Buffalo at New England, 2:30 pm
Seattle at San Francisco, 6:00 pm
Philadelphia at Washington, 9:30 pm

Sunday, December 28
Chicago at Kansas City, 2:00 pm
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 2:00 pm
Dallas at New Orleans, 2:00 pm
Indianapolis at Houston, 2:00 pm
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 2:00 pm
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 2:00 pm
St. Louis at Detroit, 2:00 pm
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 2:00 pm
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, 5:05 pm
Minnesota at Arizona, 5:05 pm
Denver at Green Bay, 5:15 pm
Oakland at San Diego, 5:15 pm
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 9:30 pm

Post-season

Wild Card Weekend
Saturday, January 3 and Sunday, January 4

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, January 10 and Sunday, January 11

Conference Championships
Sunday, January 18

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Re-introduction of Renovated Lambeau Field to nation

HIGHLIGHTS 2003

Packers' schedule

By Lee Remmel
Editorial Director

2003 SCHEDULE

2003 PRE-SEASON SEASON SCHEDULE

Mon Aug.	4	Kansas City Chiefs at Canton, Ohio	7 p.m.	ABC
Sat Aug.	9	at Atlanta Falcons	7 p.m.	State
Fri Aug.	15	at Cleveland Browns	7 p.m.	CBS
Sat Aug.	**23**	**Carolina Panthers**	**7 p.m.**	**State**
Thu Aug.	**28**	**Tennessee Titans**	**7 p.m.**	**State**

2003 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE		OPPONENT	TIME	TV
Sun Sep	**7**	**Minnesota Vikings**	**12 noon**	**FOX**
Sun Sep	**14**	**Detroit Lions**	**12 noon**	**FOX**
Sun Sep	21	at Arizona Cardinals	3:05 p.m.	FOX
Mon Sep	29	at Chicago Bears	8 p.m.	ABC
Sun Oct	**5**	**Seattle Seahawks**	**12 noon**	**FOX**
Sun Oct	**12**	**Kansas City Chiefs**	**12 noon**	**CBS**
Sun Oct	19	at St. Louis Rams	12 noon	FOX
Sun Oct	**26**	**Open Date**		
Sun Nov	2	at Minnesota Vikings	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Mon Nov	**10**	**Philadelphia Eagles**	**8 p.m.**	**ABC**
Sun Nov	16	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Sun Nov	**23**	**San Francisco 49ers**	**12 noon**	**FOX**
Thu Nov	27	at Detroit Lions	11:30 a.m.	FOX
Sun Dec	**7**	**Chicago Bears**	**12 noon**	**FOX**
Sun Dec	14	at San Diego Chargers	3:15 p.m.	FOX
Mon Dec	22	at Oakland Raiders	8 p.m.	ABC
Sun Dec	**28**	**Denver Broncos**	**3:15 p.m.**	**CBS**

Lambeau Field, professional football's most celebrated shrine, is hardly the "new kid" on the NFL block, having been around for 45 years.

But, in the wake of a three-year renovation project, it will be "re-introduced"–via regional and national television–to millions of fans over the team's 2003 schedule in its new configuration, an imposing structure that has swelled in capacity to 71,600.

The highlight, inevitably, will be opening day–Sunday afternoon, September 7–when Lambeau Field will be formally rededicated in the Packers' regular season inaugural against, appropriately enough, their longtime neighborhood rivals, the Minnesota Vikings, featuring Randy Moss and Michael Bennett.

It will climax a week-long series of events celebrating the $295 million redevelopment of the hallowed venue, originally dedicated September 29, 1957, when its initial capacity was 32,150.

The "new" stadium will be accorded substantial exposure from the outset, with the Detroit Lions following the Vikings into Lambeau a week later (Sunday, September 14) and the Packers scheduled to play four of their first six games at home–including back-to-back dates against the Seattle Seahawks (October 5) and Kansas City Chiefs (October 12).

The Green and Gold's '03 agenda also will be highlighted by four prime time TV appearances–three on the road–among them a maximum three on "Monday Night Football" and a Sunday night game against Minnesota, in addition to Thanksgiving Day in Detroit–another national showcase.

Overall, documenting the Packers' nationwide appeal, eight of their 16 games will be featured television games in response to the high demand for them among the NFL's broadcasting partners. In addition to the four prime-time TV appearances, the Packers also will be featured in the second game of three doubleheaders–the Tampa Bay (November 16), San Diego (December 14) and Denver (December 28) games.

From the competitive perspective, the schedule is laden with challenges, chief among them the road matchups with the reigning Super Bowl champion Buccaneers and their opponents in last January's "Big Dance," the AFC champion Oakland Raiders.

Only one other NFL team, the Tennessee Titans, is scheduled to face both Super Bowl finalists during the '03 campaign.

The Packers also will entertain two other playoff teams along the way, hosting the NFC East champion Philadelphia Eagles (November 10) and the NFC West champion San Francisco 49ers (November 23).

Additionally, they will be making back-to-back trips to the West Coast–to San Diego (December 14) and Oakland–an imposing assignment, before closing out their season at home against the Denver Broncos (December 28).

En route, the Packers will be principals in a second stadium "rededication"–in their first "Monday Night Football" appearance of the season, one which will find them helping the Bears to re-open Chicago's renovated Soldier Field the night of September 29, after a one-year hiatus which saw the Midway Monsters play their home games at the University of Illinois' Memorial Stadium in Champaign, Illinois.

The Green and Gold will be making their only Lambeau Field appearance on 'MNF' the night of November 10, when they host the Philadelphia Eagles.

Their other "Monday Night" engagement will take them to Oakland for their first regular-season appearance against the Raiders since 1990 when the Silver and Black were based in Los Angeles.

The opening matchup with the Vikings will launch a challenging stretch for the Packers, who will be facing all three of their NFC North Division rivals during a four-week span. Following the Minnesota contest, they entertain the Detroit Lions (September 14) and, following a September 21 visit to Arizona, invade Chicago for their "rededication" encounter with the Bears.

They will encounter an even more demanding stretch in the second half of the season, one which will find the Packers again facing all three of their divisional rivals–plus Super Bowl champions Tampa Bay and San Francisco–over a six-week span. It will begin with their Sunday night visit to Minnesota, following which they will return to Lambeau Field to host Philadelphia.

Then, essentially moving from the proverbial "frying pan into the fire," the Green and Gold next will invade Tampa's Raymond James Stadium for the November 16 showdown with the Super Bowl champion Buccaneers.

After dealing with those challenges, the Packers will return to Lambeau Field (November 23) to entertain the formidable 49ers, then invade Detroit four days later for their 17th Thanksgiving Day clash with the Lions–their second in the last three years.

The 10-day hiatus to follow will be welcome, permitting them to "re-gather" themselves for the back-to-back road assignments against the Chargers and Raiders–followed by their home finale against the Broncos.

An intriguing sidelight to the '03 schedule will see the Packers encountering five of their former coaches along the way, a quintet headed by Tampa Bay's Super Bowl champion, Jon Gruden.

The others: Steve Mariucci, who will return to Green Bay in Week Two as head coach of the Detroit Lions; Dick Jauron, Chicago; Andy Reid, Philadelphia; and Mike Holmgren, Seattle. For the record, ex-Green Bay coaches are 5-20 against the Packers since 1997, including playoffs.

From the historical standpoint, the Green and Gold's fourth game of the season–the Monday night invasion of Chicago's renovated Lambeau Field–will mark league game Number 1,100 in Green Bay's history. Entering the season, only the Bears (1,130) have played more official NFL games.

Competitively, the Packers will launch their 83rd NFL campaign with 11 consecutive regular-season home victories and are tied with Oakland (33-15, .688) for the second-best overall winning percentage in the NFL over the past three seasons (2000-2002).

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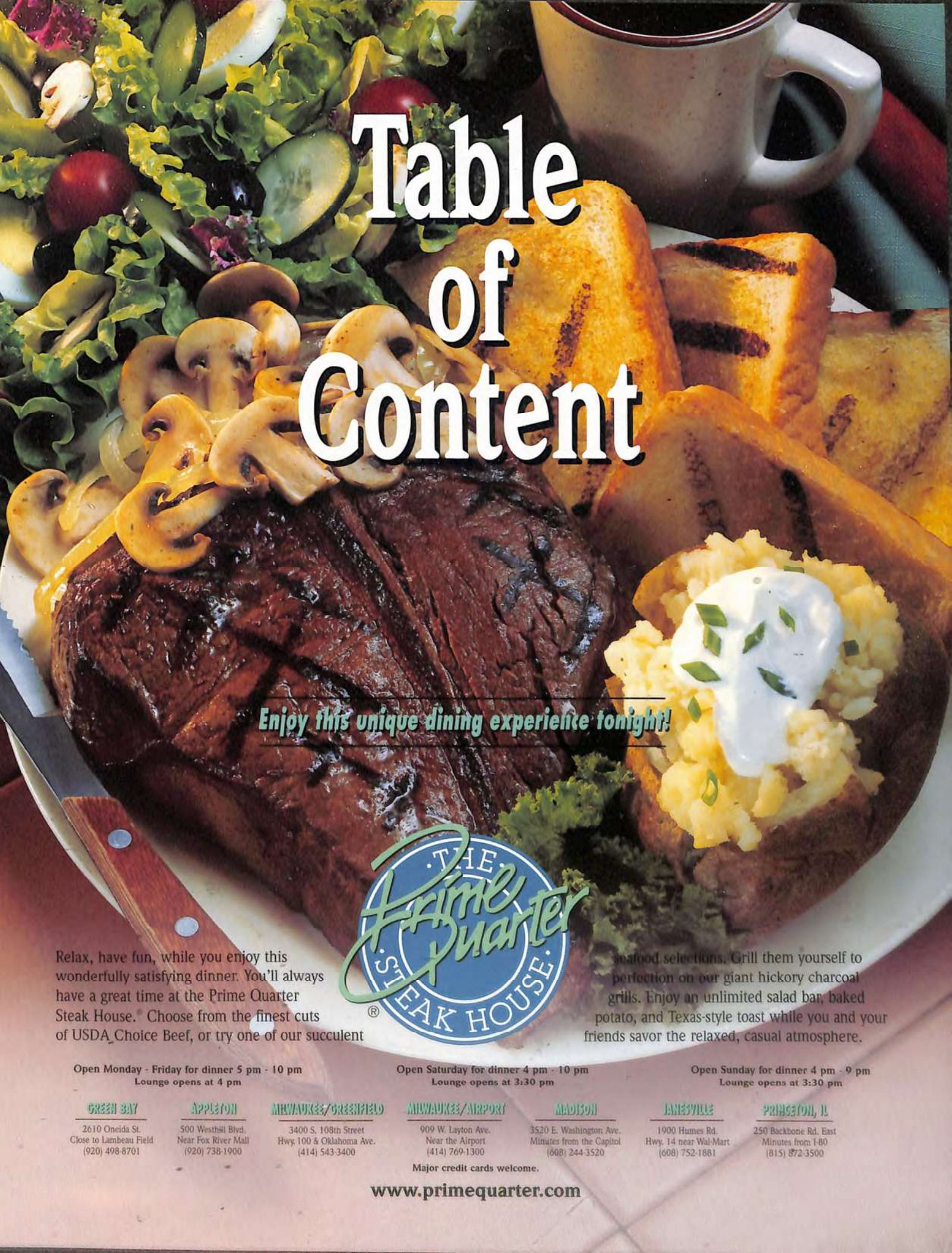

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